

SPECIAL
COLLECTIONS

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2010 with funding from
Lyrasis Members and Sloan Foundation

<http://www.archive.org/details/venangovoice2009oilc>

Suhr Library
Venango Campus
Clarion University
of Pennsylvania
1801 West First Street
Oil City, PA 16301

Specimen
at
10:11
12:11
14:11
16:11
18:11
20:11

VENANGO CAMPUS

YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR PAPER, YOUR VOICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

VOLUME 40, ISSUE 1

Dare 2 Care Week to be held at Venango Campus



PREACHER MOSS WILL PRESENT END OF RACISM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, AT 7 P.M., IN RHOADES CENTER.

By Kerri Smayda

Dare 2 Care Week, a week-long celebration of diversity, will be held Monday, February 4

through Friday, February 8, at Clarion University—Venango Campus. This is the second year the Campus Activities Board has sponsored the event, and it is free and open to the public.

Dare 2 Care Week is “designed to encourage students, faculty, staff, and the community to think about, discuss, understand, and accept differences in people, in such areas as culture, sexual orientation, ethnicity, physical appearance, handicaps, and social and economic conditions,” according to a university press release.

Campus Activities Board representative Jon

Geyer says the program is designed to “give students the opportunity to experience diversity in different ways... to get them thinking and talking about people who are different from them.”

Activities during Dare 2 Care Week include a performance titled End of Racism by Preacher Moss, a veteran comedian, lecturer, activist and writer, on Monday, February 4, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Auditorium. According to the press release, Preacher Moss is well known for his ability to create a dialogue for diversity

See DARE on page 2

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ♦ Clarion University—Venango Campus will feature Dare 2 Care Week Monday, February 4 through Friday, February 8. Events are free and open to the public.
- ♦ The *Venango Voice* newspaper will see changes in layout and content in the coming weeks of the 2008 spring semester.
- ♦ Lori Secor will run her Trash Talk column each week to educate students and faculty about how to be more environmentally responsible.

Venango Voice newspaper to see change

By Kerri Smayda

The *Venango Voice* is about to receive a major overhaul – in looks and content. The *Voice* will leave behind its newsletter-style layout over the course of the spring 2008 semester and graduate to a full-on newspaper publication. With an enthusiastic staff at the helm, the weekly will soon include all that is expected of a paper – campus news and features, local, state and

national news, comics and puzzles, advertisements and classifieds, and much more.

Technical upgrades that will allow a larger format for print and more opportunities for page manipulation, as well as the use of photo editing equipment will give the *Voice* its new façade. Subscriptions to syndicates King Features and the Associated Press will allow the *Voice* to publish a plethora of articles each week, appealing to

a wide audience much like the one at Venango Campus.

However, though the *Voice* will utilize its syndicates, many Clarion University students will also be writing several of the campus-centered articles that can be found on the front page each week. From administrative news to the next event the Campus Activities Board will spon-

See VOICE on page 3

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

<i>Trash Talk</i>	2
<i>CU Faculty Feature</i>	3
<i>News Briefs</i>	4

Brands of coffee may help protect rainforest



TRASH TALK

WITH
LORI SECOR

My grandma always told me she went to school to learn the three Rs: reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic (apparently spelling wasn't part of the curriculum). Schools are still focusing on the three Rs, but now it's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. What a wonderful thing for all of us to learn!

I don't claim to be an expert when

it comes to the environment or living green. A year ago, I didn't know much about the state of our environment. I didn't know what carbon emissions were and I had never even heard about e-waste. I was content in my sheltered corner throwing batteries and light bulbs into the trash can, unaware of the mess I was contributing to. My eyes have been opened wide thanks to two professors here at Venango Campus, Lola Deets and Joan Huber.

What I have learned so far is this: consuming less energy, less water, and creating less trash doesn't mean we have to change everything we do or go without all the things we love. It doesn't have to bring about major life changes. Small changes, small alterations of what we do in our daily lives can mean big results. So what can we do?

**In the winter, turn down the thermostat one degree; in the summer turn up the A/C one degree. That's it. So what's the big deal? First, by doing this, you'll save about \$100 a year on your utility bill. Who couldn't use that? Second, all that energy

you aren't using means less carbon emissions and less natural resources being used up. Crank it down another notch or two and save even more. If every household in America did this, we'd save more than \$10 billion on energy costs.

**When you buy coffee, try out varieties with Fair Trade, Bird Friendly, or Rainforest Alliance seals. The farms these coffees come from use practices that preserve or restore rainforest ecosystems. One household switching to this type of coffee for a year is enough to protect 9,200 square feet of rainforest. I think I may call the Starbucks headquarters!

It is my hope that this column will serve as a tool for me to learn and pass along to you simple things we can all do to lessen our impact on the environment.

All these small changes can add up to making a huge difference to our world. I hope you enjoy the journey as much as I will.

DARE: Students can sign pledge to get free t-shirt

Continued from page 1

and equality, which has made him a popular writer in Hollywood. He has written for such well-known actors as Damon Wayans, *Saturday Night Live*'s Darrell Hammond, and George Lopez.

On Wednesday, February 6, openly transgender indie folk/rock artist Namoli Brennet will perform at noon in Rhoades Lounge as part of the Live@Lunch Series, where the public can select from a varied menu available for purchase while enjoying the performance.

Brennet has traveled across the

country wooing audiences with her deft instrumentation, powerful lyricism, and uncanny ability to adeptly communicate the complexities of the human experience, according to the press release. She has appeared at the San Diego Indie Music Fest, DC Pride, The Bitter End in New York, Boston's Club Passim, and hundreds of coffee shops, clubs, festivals, colleges, and house concerts.

Artist Kevin "the Nerve" Wenner will take part in Dare 2 Care Week and the Live@Lunch Series on Thursday, February 7, at noon in Rhoades Lounge.

Wenner will challenge the viewer to

think about the importance of diversity to the human experience. With a clock counting down the minutes, he will produce oversized paintings in a creative and dramatic performance that drew raves from the audience when he appeared in the fall semester.

Geyer expects the performances to be "really great," and said that "hopefully students can swing by in between classes and check it out."

Students who sign the Dare 2 Care pledge at the info table in Rhoades Center will get a free "Dare to Care" t-shirt.

Secretary Patti Shontz is active on campus

Editor's Note: This article is part of a series that will introduce students and faculty to the faculty and staff of Clarion University – Venango Campus.

Her role as secretary for the BSN and Radiologic Technology Sciences programs in the School of Nursing and Allied Health is just a small part of the contributions Patti Shontz has happily made during her 10-plus years at Clarion University. "I love working at Venango Campus and interacting with the students," said Shontz.

Though she is currently a staff member at Venango campus, Shontz has worked on both campuses in many departments, including Student Services, Venango Administration Office, Keeling Health Center, and School of Nursing and Allied Health.

Shontz does more than punch a clock at Venango Campus: she is a student. A non-traditional, part-time student working toward her associate of

science degree in business administration and associate of science degree in legal business studies. Shontz looks forward to her May 2009 graduation date.

However, graduation will be "bittersweet," Shontz said, as she is passionate about her role as an active member and officer of the Alpha Kappa Delta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an academic society for associate degree-seeking students.

Since part-time students must accumulate 36 credits, it took Shontz three and one-half years to be able to apply for membership. Her admission into the society took time and, therefore, made her proud of her accomplishment. "I remember how proud I felt when this became a reality, because I had known about Phi Theta Kappa as a staff member and all the community service Phi Theta Kappa performs," said Shontz.

She is looking forward to Phi Theta Kappa's Spring 2008 induction ceremony on Saturday, February 16, and invites students to become members, as there is still

time to apply for the spring semester.

In addition to her time at Venango Campus, Shontz also enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She has been married to husband Ed, Oil City High School wrestling coach, for more than 26 years and often serves as his "paperwork" assistant.

Shontz has one daughter, a Clarion University alumna with an education degree as well as a new employee of the Health Science Education Center at Clarion University, and one son, currently a junior marketing major at Clarion University.

A new member of the family and "a new love in my life," Shontz said, is the family's new yellow Labrador retriever, Chloe.

She joins their calico cat, Speckles, and the family's three beagles, Bo, Luke and Duke.

VOICE: Position of editor is open to students

Continued from page 1

sor, the *Voice* will be Venango's source of campus news produced by campus students.

After all, the *Venango Voice* – Your Campus, Your Paper, Your Voice – is, you guessed it, yours! Students are always encouraged to become a part of the *Voice* through submissions of news articles, feature stories and letters to the editor, in addition to other odds and ends. But, that's not all. There is always room on

the staff for students who are interested in graphic design for ad and page layout, marketing for ad sales, writing, photography, and more. The position of editor, a paid work study position, is currently open.

To become a part of the *Venango Voice* team, submit an article, or for general inquiries or comments, direct email to vvoice@clarion.edu, call 814-676-6591, ext. 1289, or stop by room 226 Montgomery Hall, Venango Campus.

Venango Voice
226 Montgomery Hall
Clarion University–Venango Campus
Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, ext. 1289 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Advertiser

Dr. Joan Huber

Staff

Charity Barger
Frank Rodgers

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Jon Cook
Lori Secor

Alyssa McGinnis

Policies

The *Venango Voice* is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University–Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The *Voice* is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon on Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published based on available space and at the discretion of the executive board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

PRSSA will host MMAJ-CS Organization Fair

FEBRUARY

Preacher Moss, a veteran comedian, lecturer, activist and writer, will present End of Racism comedy and lecture tour Monday, February 4, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Auditorium. The lecture is presented in conjunction with Dare 2 Care Week, February 4-8.

...

The Public Relations Student Society of America club will host the Mass Media Arts and Journalism - Communication Studies Organization Fair Monday, February 4, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Gemmell Rotunda at Clarion University. In addition to PRSSA, the National Communication Association student club, *The Clarion Call*, *Eyrie Magazine*, *Bazaar Magazine*, WCUB, WCUC, and other student organizations will be present to offer information.

...

Tomorrow's Educators Start Today speaker series will be held through Monday, February 25. The program is designed to enhance the professional development of all education majors.

Students who attend four of the five sessions will receive a certificate of participation for personal portfolios. The first session was held in January.

The series will be held in Level A of Carlson Library at Clarion University, at 7 p.m. each night. The schedule of speakers is as follows: Administration Panel, Interviews and Resumes, February 4; Dr. Pamela Gent, Service Learning: Differentiating Instruction in the Inclusive Classroom, February 11; First Couple of Years Teacher Panel, What it is Like to Begin a Career as a Teacher, February 18; and Dr. Brian Maguire, February 25.

For more information, email Brittany

McMaster at bnmcmaster@clarion.edu.

...

Openly transgender indie folk/rock artist Namoli Brennet will perform Wednesday, February 6, at noon in Rhoades Lounge.

Brennet has traveled across the country wooing audiences with her deft instrumentation, powerful lyricism, and uncanny ability to adeptly communicate the complexities of the human experience.

The Live@Lunch Series presentation is sponsored by Clarion University - Venango Campus Activities Board and is presented in conjunction with Dare 2 Care Week.

...

"Afghanistan After the Taliban" will be presented Wednesday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m., in Rhoades Auditorium. The DVD presentation is part of the Satellite Series sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa.

Afghan-American author Tamim Ansary will discuss how the Taliban came to power, who they were and are, the American military intervention and its consequences, the contending players on the current Afghan scene, and more.

Live discussion facilitated by faculty or community members will follow the film.

...

The French Conversation Group will hold its first meeting Wednesday, February 6, at 6 p.m., at Michelle's Café, Main Street, Clarion. The meeting is open to anyone interested in practicing conversational French, regardless of fluency level.

For more information and to RSVP, email Dr. Elisabeth Donato at edonato@clarion.edu.

...

Registered nurse and senior Clarion University BSN student Linda Robertson will discuss and present slides of her experiences in Malawi, known as the warm heart of Af-

rica, on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., in room 250-252 Gemmell, Clarion University.

The event is free and open to the public and is co-sponsored by the Black Student Union as part of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. It is part of the series "Women in Conflict Zones: War, Peace, and Reconciliation" sponsored by the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's Studies program.

...

Artist Kevin "the Nerve" Wenner will take part in Dare 2 Care Week on Thursday, February 7, at noon in Rhoades Lounge.

Wenner's live action painting should not be missed. He will challenge the viewer to think about the importance of diversity to the human experience.

The Live@Lunch Series presentation is sponsored by Clarion University - Venango Campus Activities Board and is presented in conjunction with Dare 2 Care Week.

...

"The Vagina Monologues" production will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, February 13-15, in Hart Chapel, Clarion University, at 8 p.m. each night. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The show will be directed by Emily Parrocini.

Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students.

Content of the show is sexually explicit and some language may be offensive.

...

EMAIL US!

**VVOICE@CLARION
.EDU!**

Keeping Us Legal

The *Venango Voice* is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the *Venango Voice* reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR PAPER, YOUR VOICE

VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 40, ISSUE 2

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008

Tobeco is literary outlet

By Jon Cook

Tobeco?! What in the world is *Tobeco*?

Tobeco is "our student directed literary and arts magazine at Clarion," explains faculty advisor Juanita Smart. *Tobeco* welcomes students to take the opportunity to show their literary or artistic talents to the Clarion community through its journal and open-mic nights.

Professor Smart has been the advisor of *Tobeco* for the past four years, taking over for professor Philip Terman, the founder

of Clarion's literary journal. Terman started *Tobeco* after moving to Clarion Campus from the Venango Campus in 2000. He advised *The Oil City Review* at Venango Campus for seven years. Upon arriving at Clarion, he and interested students, expanded on Clarion's existing literary journal *Dare*. They changed its name and "focused more broadly on the campus and surrounding community," he recalled.

Terman also instituted the popular open-mic nights at Michelle's Café in downtown Clarion. The open-

mic nights "happen regularly throughout the semester," stated professor Smart. The days and times for open-mic nights will be announced to all interested students.

Tobeco accepts submissions of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and artwork from all Clarion students.

Any student interested in submitting their writing or art to *Tobeco*, or have questions should contact student editors Megan Willis at s_mjwillis@clarion.edu or Ryan Waterman at s_rmwaterman@clarion.edu.

ATTENTION STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF:

- Please keep in mind Venango Voice's deadline for submissions. The Voice is sent to the press every Wednesday. Please submit all event information or writing submissions before Tuesday morning, as Voice staff must allow time for editing and layout. Your cooperation is always appreciated.

Feb. to feature many events

FEBRUARY

The Black Student Union will hold an AIDS/HIV Awareness Week Basketball and Slam Dunk Contest on Friday, February 8, from 7-10 p.m., at the Clarion University Recreation Center.

To participate, sign up on the BSU door at 262 Gemmell or on the Facebook group page at <http://clarion.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2250714038>.

Winners will receive prizes and music and entertainment will be provided.

...

Co-ed honor fraternity Phi Sigma Pi will sponsor its Speed Dating event on Monday, February 11, at 8 p.m., in room 246 Gemmell at Clarion University. Everyone is welcome.

...

The Venango Campus fitness center, located on the ground floor of

Rhoades, is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The center is open to students, faculty, and staff at Venango for no cost.

Staff will be available on the following days/times to help students, faculty, or staff get acquainted with the equipment: Monday, February 11, at 8:30 a.m.;

See EVENTS on page 4

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

TOBECO	1
NEWS BRIEFS	1, 4
TRASH TALK	2
ODD NEWS	3

What do you do to preserve water?



TRASH TALK WITH LORI SECOR

What happens when you turn on the faucet? Clean, fresh water flows without pause giving us the fast, easy ability to clean our clothes, cook, and bathe. What if nothing happened when you turn the faucet? What if we, like one billion people worldwide, had no easy access to fresh water? What if you had to walk a mile or more every day to get water to drink and cook? We all have had to boil water before using it for a day or so while the city has fixed a problem, but can you imagine having to do this for the rest of your life? What if there was no freshwater close by? How would you live if water was rationed, tanker trucks bringing water into your city, and you were given an allotment of mere gallons to last the entire week? This is a reality for millions of people, and the problem is not going to go away.

How much of a problem is there, really? There is plenty of water on the planet, but in many cases, it is concentrated in some areas, leav-

ing others dry and in need. It falls at the wrong place and the wrong time. Some argue the fact that there is the same amount of water on the planet that there always has been, but then again there are a lot more of us today than ever in history, and we use a lot more water. Two thousand years ago, there were about 250 million people on the planet. By 2020, there will be 400 million people along the North African shores and in the Middle East alone. It is expected that water will, in some places, cost as much per barrel as oil within a generation.

There is some plainly visible evidence of a looming global water crisis. The level of the Dead Sea has dropped more than 32 feet in the 20th century. The River Jordan is reduced to almost nothing due to over-pumping to support people there. Lake Chad, one of the sources for the Nile, is shrinking at the alarming rate of about 300 feet per year. In the middle of the 20th century, it covered 9,900 square miles; by the beginning of the 21st century, it had shrunk to 580 square miles. Northern China's water tables are dropping 3 feet per year, the blame being placed on irrigation and its wasteful run-off. Beijing can supply itself only by diverting water from farms. Is the United States exempt? Will the crisis reach here as well? I believe the more appropriate question is, how long until the crisis reaches here? The levels of our lakes are also

dropping. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as of December 2007, each of the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair were all five to twenty-seven inches below normal levels.

We all need to start conserving water, lest we end up in a situation like millions of others: walking miles a day to bring water back to our homes, using the same few buckets of water to bathe every member of a family, and fighting wars over who has control over which lake and river. I'm not suggesting anything too drastic; let's see what small changes could do:

- Every two minutes we spend in the shower, we use as much water as a person in Africa uses the entire day for everything: cooking, bathing, and drinking. If we shave those two minutes from our daily shower, it would conserve more than 10 gallons. If everyone in the country saved just one gallon from their shower, it would save two times the amount of water drawn from the Great Lakes every day.

- When using the dishwasher, run it only when it is completely full, and don't pre-rinse dishes. (The newer models don't require it.) This will save 20 gallons per dish load—a whopping 7,300 gallons per year! That's as much water as the average person drinks in a lifetime!

- If you have a dripping faucet, go ahead and

fix it. A leaky faucet wastes as much as 2,700 gallons per year. You also can check the toilet tank for leaks by putting food coloring into the tank. If it is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes. Replacing bent or worn out parts is easy and inexpensive. (Flush as soon as the test is done so you don't stain the bowl.)

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 5 gallons a day. Throughout the U.S., this could add up to 1.5 billion—gallons-more than New York City uses in a day. Brush while you wait for the water to heat up for your shave, and save up to 1,825 gallons per year. That's enough to fill the tub more than 35 times.

So what's the bottom line? As with most everything else, we waste too much water. For example, how important is it that our grass is lush and green in the grand scheme of things? We turn on our sprinkler systems and hoses, loving our lawns at the rate of almost 8 billion gallons per day. Forty percent of the water we use in the summer is for lawn care.

Is it responsible for us to use up so much of a precious resource when so many people worldwide are lacking? Is it responsible for us to waste so much water when we could just as easily be in the same situation? That is exactly what could happen if we don't change how we use water.

Remember: small changes can bring big results.

Molasses killed many in Boston

As with all things in life, time makes us seem to forget many things. Be it people, emotions, or memories, it is no different with history.

This is the story of one of the greatest disasters to hit Boston, Massachusetts. On January 15, 1919 at approximately 12:40 p.m., what came to be known as "The Great Molasses Flood," which killed 21 people and injured 150 more, occurred.

Prohibition was about to come into law and Purity Distilling was trying to rush through one last batch of alcohol before it happened. On January 14, they loaded a storage tanker that was 50 feet high and 240 feet around, holding 2.3 million gallons, or 14,000 tons, of thick, sticky molasses. It was a disaster just waiting to happen.

Along with the unseasonably warm weather for

January (46 degrees) and the fresh warm molasses being mixed with the cold molasses already in the tank, it started the process of fermentation, which caused gasses to build pressure inside of the tank.

Suddenly, the residents of the North End heard a low rumble and felt the ground shake beneath their feet. A wall of molasses said to be between 30-50 feet high and moving at speeds of up to 50 mph came rushing down the street, destroying everything in its path. Neither man nor beast could out-run the destruction that was coming upon them.

Men, women, children and even horses were sucked beneath the gooey thick sludge that was estimated to reach depths of 8-15 feet. As bystanders tried in vain to scramble up stairs or to reach higher ground for safety, the

slippery death pulled them into it and carried them away never to be heard from again.

The massive wave destroyed entire buildings, many of which were ripped completely from their foundations. The sheer height and weight of the wave toppled cars, wagons and even crushed railroad cars, as if they were children's toys.

It took six months plus for the city of Boston to clean up after the devastation and it is rumored that even today, on a hot summer day, you can smell the sweet scent of molasses as you walk through the city's North End.

If you get a chance to visit Boston, check out their exhibit in the Boston Library to see photos and more detailed articles on disaster. Or, simply go to any search engine and type in "Great Molasses Flood."

ODD
NEWS
IN
HISTORY
With
Frank Rodgers



Musician Javier Mendoza performed in Rhoades Center at Venango Campus on Monday, February 4.

Venango Voice

226 Montgomery Hall

Clarion University-Venango Campus

Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, ext. 1289 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Staff
Charity Barger
Frank Rodgers

Jon Cook
Lori Secor

Alyssa McGinnis

Policies

The *Venango Voice* is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University-Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The *Voice* is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the executive board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the *Voice* staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Events: Valentine Dinner Dance to be held

Continued from page 1

Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 4:30 p.m.; and Thursday, Feb. 14, at 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming events at Clarion University Main include the following:

On Monday, Feb. 11 and Tuesday, Feb. 12, Candy Gram Sales will be held in the Gemmell Rotunda. Candy Grams will be delivered on Thursday, Feb. 14.

Students can "buy" a TKE brother on Wednesday, Feb. 13. The event will take place in the Gemmell Multi-Purpose Room at 7 p.m.

For more information, e-mail David Walsh at s_djwalsh@gm.clarion.edu.

The next roundtable meetings for all RSO presidents and advisors will be Monday, Feb. 11, and Thursday, Feb. 14, from 5-6 p.m., in 246 Gemmell at Clarion University.

Groups representatives are only need at the sessions. The Student Senate funding process will be a major topic and packets will be distributed.

A Spring 2008 Campusfest meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 9:15 p.m., for those interested in volunteering. General information will be distributed.

For more information, e-mail Mary Caitlin Mitton at s_mcmittion@clarion.edu.

The MOM Group will

reconvene on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 11:30 a.m., in 105 Frame Hall. Meetings will be held every Tuesday to follow at 11 a.m.

Any mom in any stage of MOMhood is welcome to join.

"The Vagina Monologues" production will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Feb. 13-15, in Hart Chapel, Clarion University, at 8 p.m. each night. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The show will be directed by Emily Parrocchini.

There will be an open dress rehearsal Wednesday, Feb. 13, with admittance by donation. Tickets are available at the Gemmell Student Information Desk and the Women's Studies Center (207 Harvey Hall) at Clarion University. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students.

All proceeds benefit PAS-SAGES, SAFE, and the Katrina Fund. Content of the show is sexually explicit and some language may be offensive. Parental discretion is advised.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call 814-393-2720 or e-mail kshirrey@clarion.edu.

The Heart of the Campus Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance will be held Friday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m., at the Quality Inn, Franklin. A cash bar will be available.

Deejay Phil Close will provide entertainment. Semi-formal attire is suggested.

Tickets are on sale now through Wednesday, Feb. 13, in

the book store in Rhoades Center. A student/guest ticket is \$10 each, and a faculty or staff/guest ticket is \$15 each.

For more information, e-mail s_tkharasins@clarion.edu.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) testing will take place Friday, Feb. 15, and Friday, April 18, at Clarion University—Venango Campus.

Students must complete the registration and admission form and return it to Venango Campus no later than one week prior to the test date.

Payment for the non-refundable service charge (\$20 payable to Clarion University) must be included to secure a seat on the requested test date. Payment for the test (\$60 payable to College-Level Examination Program or CLEP) may also be included, but will be accepted on test day. As of July 1, payment to CLEP will increase to \$65.

The College-Level Examination Program offers 34 exams that allow people who have acquired knowledge outside the usual educational settings to show they have learned college-level material so they can bypass certain college courses.

For more information about CLEP testing, visit www.collegeboard.com/clep or call Hope Lineman at 814-676-6591, ext. 1273.

Applications are now available for the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society Founders Fund Scholarship. Winners will be awarded scholarships from \$1,000 up to

\$10,000. The local deadline for the scholarship application is Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Applications can be picked up at 148 Egbert Hall at Clarion University. The Clarion chapter is permitted to enter one undergraduate application and an unlimited number of graduate applications. Applicants must be members of Phi Eta Sigma.

Criteria used for selection includes high scholastic record with a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA; participation in local Phi Eta Sigma chapter activities; campus-wide academic recognition, awards, and leadership roles; evidence of creative ability; participation in on- and off-campus service and leadership groups; potential for success in chosen field; work experience; and letters of recommendation, not to exceed three. For more information, call Dr. Fricko at 814-393-2255.

Venango Campus Activities Board will sponsor an Open Mic Night on Friday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge. The event is part of the Coffee House Series and is free and open to the public.

Talented area performers are invited to step into the limelight. Acoustic performances and poetry readings are encouraged.

For more information regarding set length, performance pieces, and technical specifications, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The *Venango Voice* is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the *Venango Voice* reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 40, ISSUE 3

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008

Presidents' Day holds much history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, February 18, the 49th day of 2008. There are 317 days left in the year. This is Presidents' Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time.

On this date: In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben. In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome. In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as the provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now designated a "dwarf

planet") was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz. In 1960, the eighth Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Nixon. In 1967, American theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer died in Princeton, N.J., at age 62. In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968. (Those convictions were later reversed). In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert. In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was

sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2001, auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died from injuries suffered in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

Ten years ago: President Clinton's foreign policy team encountered jeers during a town meeting at The Ohio State University while trying to defend the administration's threat to bomb Iraq into compliance with U.N. weapons edicts. Sportscaster Harry Caray died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 83.

Five years ago: Declaring that America's security should not be dictated by protesters, President Bush said he would not be

See **PRESIDENT** page 3

Valentine's Day event to be held

FEBRUARY

The Heart of the Campus Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance will be held Friday, February 15, at 6 p.m., at the Quality Inn, Franklin. A cash bar will be available.

Deejay Phil Close will provide entertainment.

Semi-formal attire is suggested.

Tickets are on sale now in the book store in Rhoades Center at Venango Campus. A student/guest ticket is \$10 each, and a faculty or staff/guest ticket is \$15 each.

For more information,

email s_tlkarasins@clarion.edu.

Venango Campus Activities Board will sponsor an Open Mic Night on Friday, February 22, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge. The

See **EVENTS** page 3

ATTENTION STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF:

- *Don't miss Open Mic Night at Venango Campus on Friday, February 22, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge. The event is part of the Coffee House Series and is free and open to the public. Talented area performers are invited to attend, and acoustic performances and poetry readings are encouraged.*

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

PRESIDENTS' DAY 1

NEWS BRIEFS 1, 3, 4

TRASH TALK 2

LIBRARY NEWS 3

Beauty may cost more than you think



TRASH TALK WITH LORI SECOR

We are a nation fixated on beauty. We look for the perfect shade of eye shadow and lipstick, search for the best hair care product to tame the frizz and hold the style, and use a plethora of products to get clean and smell great. We are so fixated, in fact, that we spend more on health and beauty products per year than the United States government spends on education—seven times more. What are we buying?

Take a walk through the health and beauty department of a major retailer. An ever-growing list, new brands and varieties emerge almost daily, and we very enthusiastically take it home to try it. How often do we pause to think about what we are using—what is INSIDE those tubes, bottles, and jars?

Something we should all be aware of is this: the FDA does not review new cosmetics before they hit the shelves (and our faces), and cannot order recalls of hazardous cosmetics.

The industry is largely self-regulated: manufacturers decide what ingredients to use and if they should pull a product off the shelves. Our bodies absorb a significant amount of what is applied to the skin, and some of it is ingested directly (think lipstick). Cosmetics and skin care products contain some particularly nasty chemicals and not in trace amounts; these chemicals are base ingredients, as flour is for bread. The average person uses nine products every day exposing themselves to 126 chemicals. Most women use many more than the average when we add in the cosmetics.

Phthalates are a family of plasticizer chemicals used in cosmetics and personal care products. They can be found in nail polish to help prevent chipping, in hairspray to avoid the 'crunchy' look of the 80s, in deodorants, shampoos, lotions, hair gels, and in fragrances. If you peek at the labels on just about anything in your bathroom cupboard, you'll see 'fragrance' on the label. Chances are, there are phthalates in there. Otherwise, some common phthalates used in personal care products are labeled as BzBP, DBP, DEP, and DEHP. So what is the problem with phthalates? They are endocrine disruptor chemicals. They can impair reproductive development, particularly in males. Phthalates can cause asthma, alter liver and kidney function, damage the heart and lungs, and affect blood clotting. It is a high price to pay in the name of pretty nails, in my opinion.

Curious, I headed into the bathroom and grabbed a bottle

of my favorite lotion: Aveeno Active Naturals Intense Relief Hand Cream. The main ingredient is dimethicone, which is derived from silicone. Silicone is bad news, as thousands of women who had to have implants removed could tell you. Silicone is a known tumor promoter and accumulates in the liver and lymph nodes. It is also not biodegradable. I found this very surprising because of the name: Active Naturals. Quoted directly from the package, Active Naturals are "ingredients derived from nature". I don't know about you, but I have never been on a walk and said, "Look, distearyl dimonium chloride in its natural habitat!"

A bit disturbed, I next went for my deodorant. Among the many ingredients was propylene glycol, a petroleum derivative. The EPA considers PG so toxic that it requires workers to wear protective gloves, clothing and goggles. Because PG penetrates the skin so quickly, the EPA warns against skin contact to prevent consequences such as brain, liver, and kidney abnormalities. There is no warning label on my deodorant, where the concentration is greater than in most industrial applications. Scary!

Inform yourself about the chemicals in the products you use by typing the name into Google. You can also find a list of common hazardous chemicals found in cosmetics at this Web site:

<http://www.health-report.co.uk/ingredients-directory.htm#toxic%20chemicals>.

There are 11,000 chemicals used in personal and skin care products. Less than 11 percent have been tested for safe use. One third of the chemicals used contain at least one known or suspected carcinogen. Even the products that claim themselves as pure or natural are not necessarily that. A product only has to contain one percent of natural ingredients to slap it on their label. If a product is toxic to the user, it is toxic to the maker and toxic to the waste stream. If we cut down our usage of toxic products, we do everyone a favor.

Our best bet is to choose products that have ingredients you can recognize and pronounce. Read the labels. Look for ALL natural, nontoxic, etc. If the selection at your regular store seems a bit thin, as mine does, check one of the local naturals store, or here are a few sites that can get you started: www.safecosmetics.org, www.bestorganicsforhealth.com, and www.pristineplanet.com.

Remember, small changes can bring big results!

Reference material for this article was found at: [The Green Book](http://www.thegreenbook.org), www.toxicfreelegacy.org, www.prwath.org, www.evg.org, www.bodiorganic.com, and the aforementioned sites in text.

E-mail the *Venango Voice* at voice@clarion.edu

PRESIDENT: Yoko Ono turns 75 on this day

Continued from page 1

swayed from compelling Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to disarm. An arson attack on two South Korean subway trains in the city of Daegu claimed 198 lives. (The arsonist was sentenced to life in prison.) Country singer Johnny Paycheck died in Nashville, Tenn., at age 64.

One year ago: A pair of bombs on a train headed from India to Pakistan killed 68 people. Twin car bombs blew up in a mostly Shiite area of Baghdad, killed at least 62 people. A military helicopter crashed in south-

eastern Afghanistan, killing eight U.S. service members; 14 survived with injuries. Kevin Harvick nosed out Mark Martin in a frantic wreck-filled finish to win the Daytona 500. The West routed the East, 153-132 in the NBA All-Star game.

Today's Birthdays: Former Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 86. Actor George Kennedy is 83. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., is 81. Author Toni Morrison is 77. Movie director Milos Forman is 76. Singer Yoko Ono is 75. Singer/songwriter Bobby Hart is 69. Singer Irma Thomas is 67. Singer Herman Santiago (Frankie Lyman and the

Teenagers) is 67. Singer Dennis DeYoung is 61. Actress Sinead Cusack is 60. Producer-director-writer John Hughes is 58. Actress Cybill Shepherd is 58. Singer Juice Newton is 56. Singer Randy Crawford is 56. Rock musician Robbie Bachman is 55. Rock musician Larry Rust (Iron Butterfly) is 55. Actor John Travolta is 54. Game show host Vanna White is 51. Actress Greta Scacchi is 48. Actor Matt Dillon is 44. Rapper Dr. Dre is 43. Actress Molly Ringwald is 40. Actress Sarah Brown is 33. Singer-musician Sean Watkins (Nickel Creek) is 31.

Copyright 2008 The Associated Press.

Suhr Library's hours will change during Winter Holiday and Spring Vacation

Winter Holiday hours will be in effect March 8-16. The library will be open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on the weekend.

Spring Vacation hours will be in effect March 20-25. The library will be open Thursday and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on the weekend.

Regular hours, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., will be in effect on Monday, March 17, through Wednesday, March 19.

EVENTS: Open Mic

Continued from pg. 1

event is part of the Coffee House Series and is free and open to the public.

Talented area performers are invited to step into the limelight. Acoustic performances and poetry readings are encouraged.

For more information regarding set length, performance pieces, and technical specifications, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

The Clarion University-Venango Campus Independent Film Series is free and open to the

public. The series features films from independent filmmakers from China, the United States, Iran, Japan, the United Kingdom, Colombia, and India. All films will be shown on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium.

Films scheduled for the Spring 2008 semester include "Half Nelson", February 16; "Away From Her", February 23; "No Country for Old Men", March 1; "Saawariya", March 29; "Atonement", April 5; "Juno", April 12; "Waterhorse", April 19;

See EVENTS page 4

Venango Voice

226 Montgomery Hall

Clarion University-Venango Campus

Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, ext. 1289 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Staff

Jon Cook

Frank Rodgers

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Christine Rodgers

Lori Secor

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University-Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. *The Voice* is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the executive board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

EVENTS: Venango will offer open house event

Continued from page 3

and "Maria Full of Grace", April 26.

For more information about the film series, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

Clarion University-Venango Campus will host an open house for students interested in the Electric Utility Technology concentration of the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology Degree, which is offered through a partnership between FirstEnergy Corporation, the parent company of Penelec, and Clarion University. The open house will be held on Saturday, February 23, at 1 p.m., in the Robert W. Rhoades Center. The program is free and open to all interested persons. Tours of the campus will be available at noon. Additional parking will be available at the Penelec parking lot at 1600 West First Street, across from the campus. Students do not need to pre-register.

The two-year program is designed to educate future electric utility profes-

sionals with an emphasis on overhead line work. FirstEnergy also provides qualified students enrolled in the program free tuition, including college fees, books, and protective clothing.

The open house program will be presented by representatives of FirstEnergy Corporation's Power Systems Institute (PSI) and Professor Bill Hallock, chair of the university's Department of Applied Technology.

To learn more about the Applied Technology programs, contact Professor Hallock at 814-676-6591, ext. 1307, or whallock@clarion.edu.

"The Vagina Monologues" production will be held on Friday, February 15, in Hart Chapel, Clarion University, at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The show will be directed by Emily Parrocini.

Tickets are available at the Gemmell Student Information Desk and the Women's Studies Center (207 Harvey Hall) at Clarion University. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students.

All proceeds benefit PAS-SAGES, SAFE, and the Katrina Fund. Content of the

show is sexually explicit and some language may be offensive. Parental discretion is advised.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call 814-393-2720 or email kshirey@clarion.edu.

The Department of Public Safety will issue approximately 25 more resident parking permits. Six will be for Lot P and the others are for Lot 3. Only upperclassmen are eligible for Lot P. Those with freshman (Lot 3) permits may exchange them for Lot P until the permits run out.

Permits will be sold on a first come first served basis. Permits may be purchased at Public Safety Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Permits will be billed to student accounts. Students will need the vehicle's license plate number and student ID number to complete the application.

Governor Rendell's Policy Office is seeking up to five students with an interest in public service and government for 2008 summer internships.

Interested students

should e-mail their resume along with a cover letter to Patricia Grim at pgrim@state.pa.us. The student should indicate the policy area for which they would like to be considered. Policy areas include: education; health care reform; economic development and workforce; criminal justice; and environmental issues, land use, and infrastructure.

For more information, call Patricia Grim at 717-772-9068.

Applications are now available for the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society Founders Fund Scholarship. Winners will be awarded scholarships from \$1,000 up to \$10,000. The local deadline for the scholarship application is Wednesday, February 20.

Applications can be picked up at 148 Egbert Hall at Clarion University. The Clarion University chapter is permitted to enter one undergraduate application and an unlimited amount of graduate applications. Applicants must be members of Phi Eta Sigma. For more information, call 393-2255.

E-MAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The *Venango Voice* is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the *Venango Voice* reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 40, ISSUE 4

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

Venango to host radiologic program

Clarion University-Venango Campus will offer a program about its Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences program at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, in the Robert W. Rhoades Center auditorium.

Prospective students and their families will have an opportunity to learn about the program and to meet with Professor Renee Bloom, chair of the Department of the Radiologic Sciences majors, and Debra Altman, clinical coordinator of the Radiologic Technology Program at UPMC Northwest, which serves as one of the university's clinical education partners

in the program. Also available to provide student information will be Dr. David Lott, coordinator of the Venango Campus Honors Program; Emily Aubele, director of Student Affairs; LaTrobe Barnitz, coordinator of Admissions and Financial Aid; and representatives of Venango Campus Student Senate and clubs.

Radiologic technologists assist with the diagnosis and treatment of illness and disease by performing medical imaging studies such as x-rays and other radiographic procedures. Qualified experienced radiographers are currently in very high demand. Job opportunities for radiologic

technologists exist in hospitals, physicians' offices, clinics, imaging centers, and with mobile imaging companies.

The field of radiologic technology affords exciting opportunities for career diversity in areas such as magnetic resonance imaging, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, ultrasonography, computed tomography, mammography, administration, education, and medical sales.

The program is free and open to the public. To register or for more information, contact the office of Admissions and Financial Aid at 676-6591, extension 1211.

ATTENTION STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF:

- "Away From Her" will be the featured film shown on Saturday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m., in Rhoades Center. The viewing is open to the public and is part of the Independent Film Series at Clarion University-Venango Campus. For more information about the Independent Film Series, call Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1270.

Open Mic Night to be held today

FEBRUARY

Venango Campus Activities Board will sponsor an Open Mic Night on Friday, February 22, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge. The event is part of the Coffee House Series and is free and open to the public.

Talented area performers are invited to step into the limelight. Acoustic performances and poetry readings

are encouraged.

For more information regarding set length, performance pieces, and technical specifications, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

The Clarion University-Venango Campus Independent Film Series is free and open to the public. The series features films from

independent filmmakers from China, the United States, Iran, Japan, the United Kingdom, Colombia, and India. All films will be shown on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium.

Films scheduled for the Spring 2008 semester include

See EVENTS page 3

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

RADIOLOGIC PROGRAM 1

EVENTS 1, 3, 4

TRASH TALK 2

EXPERIENCE EXPO 3

Nanotechnology in cosmetics can be hazardous



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

Last week, we explored the nasty chemicals going into all the products we use every day for the sake of beauty. What kind of impact do these chemicals have on the environment? For starters, most beauty products are petroleum based, like mineral oil and propylene glycol, which means they are using up fossil fuels that don't exactly process cleanly. Choosing natural products cut back on the use of these nonrenewable resources and cut down your exposure to dangerous chemicals.

The use of nanotechnology in cosmetics and personal care products has the potential to become a serious

health and environmental problem.

This is a new technology rapidly being applied to many of our products, increasing their penetration into our skin. There are many unknowns as to the toxicity of nanoparticles, but studies have raised numerous red flags.

Nanoparticles of titanium dioxide and zinc oxide used in large numbers of cosmetics, sunscreens and personal care products are photoactive, producing free radicals and causing DNA damage to human skin cells when exposed to UV light.

Carbon fullerenes, another type of nanoparticle used in cosmetics, have been found to cause brain damage in fish, kill water fleas and bacteria, and are toxic to human liver cells at low levels. They also bind to sediments, soil, and contaminants, showing potential for serious build up issues.

That said, let's talk trash. A lot of the cost for us and the environment is packaging. Each of us throws away an average of 60 pounds of plastic packaging each year. Then, there are the hygiene products. We're talking two

billion disposable razors and 50 million pounds of toothbrushes thrown away every year.

Most shampoo bottles are made from virgin plastic. I'm not saying be stinky, stop shaving, and don't brush your teeth anymore (definitely not!). Just be mindful when making purchases.

- Use a good razor with refillable blades. If one person replaced disposables with refills, it would save enough energy to brew five pots of coffee. That will add up fast!

- Consider using a 2-in-1 rather than separate shampoos and conditioners. You'll save money and packaging, and time and water in the shower. If one in seven families did this, the amount of plastic saved per year would fill a football field 27 stories high.

- If your normal lotion has a hand pump, save extra pumps from ending up in a landfill. Buy refills with a flip top and reuse your empty bottle. If 10 percent of U.S. households made a one-time purchase of a lotion bottle without an attached pump, the plastic

saved would be an estimated 250,000 pounds—enough lotion pumps to fill nearly 1,200 tanning booths from floor to ceiling.

- Choose products packaged with post-consumer recycled material. This helps reduce waste and reuse plastics. It takes less energy to make a bottle from recycled plastic than it does to make one out of virgin plastic. If you buy one 13 ounce shampoo bottle that contains 25 percent post-consumer materials, the energy saved would be enough to blow-dry your hair for ten minutes. If one in ten households did it, the energy conserved could wind power 160 homes for year!

When shopping, make mindful purchases. Recycling is important, but to close the circle, we also need to buy products made from recycled materials. Remember, small changes can bring big results!

Reference material for this article was found at: www.lcta.org and The Green Book.

Suhr Library's hours will change during Winter Holiday and Spring Vacation

Winter Holiday hours will be in effect March 8-16. The library will be open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on the weekend.

Spring Vacation hours will be in effect March 20-25. The library will be open Thursday and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on the weekend.

Regular hours, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., will be in effect on Monday, March 17, through Wednesday, March 19.

Experience Expo to feature many employers

By Jon Cook

The Experience Expo will feature more than sixty employers from New York, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Illinois, and Pennsylvania looking to fill internships for this summer and the 2008-2009 academic school year. The event will provide an opportunity for students to meet with many interested employers, create contacts, and obtain career advice all in one, local, informal setting.

All students are welcome to attend

the free event to be held Monday, February 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Gemmell Multi-purpose Room, and will be provided with refreshments. Students will be asked to sign in upon arrival, and will be entered into a drawing for door prizes, donated by participating companies of the expo.

Notable companies/agencies that will attend are Clarion University, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Holiday Inn, Ocean City Police Department, Pepsi Bottling Company, Wal-Mart, Walgreen's, Social Security Admini-

stration, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, and the YMCA. A complete, up-to-date list of all the employers that will be on hand can be found at www.clarion.edu/career/experienceexpo.

There is no pre-registration needed, but Career Services recommends interested students visit www.clarion.edu/career/experienceexpo. Students may also call Career Services at 814-393-2323 for helpful tips and information that would better prepare students for the Experience Expo.

EVENTS: Film series will feature movie

Continued from page 1

clude "Away From Her", February 23; "No Country for Old Men", March 1; "Saawariya", March 29; "Atonement", April 5; "Juno", April 12; "Waterhorse", April 19; and "Maria Full of Grace", April 26.

For more information about the film series, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

Clarion University-Venango Campus will host an open house for students interested in the Electric Utility Technology concentration of the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology Degree, which is offered through a partnership between

FirstEnergy Corporation, the parent company of Penelec, and Clarion University. The open house will be held on Saturday, February 23, at 1 p.m., in the Robert W. Rhoades Center. The program is free and open to all interested persons. Tours of the campus will be available at noon. Additional parking will be available at the Penelec parking lot at 1600 West First Street, across from the campus. Students do not need to pre-register.

The two-year program is designed to educate future electric utility professionals with an emphasis on overhead line work. FirstEnergy also

See EVENTS page 4

DO YOU LIKE TO WRITE? GOT AN OPINION?

Send your submissions and letters to the editor to:

vvoice@clarion.edu

or drop them off at 226 Montgomery Hall

Venango Voice

226 Montgomery Hall

Clarion University-Venango Campus

Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, ext. 1289 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Staff

Jon Cook

Frank Rodgers

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Christine Rodgers

Lori Secor

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University-Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the executive board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

EVENTS: Electric Utility Technology program

Continued from page 3

provides qualified students enrolled in the program free tuition, including college fees, books, and protective clothing.

The open house program will be presented by representatives of FirstEnergy Corporation's Power Systems Institute (PSI) and Professor Bill Hallock, chair of the University's Department of Applied Technology.

To learn more about the Applied Technology programs, contact Professor Hallock at 814-676-6591, ext. 1307, or whallock@clarion.edu.

Circle K, a community service-based organization, will hold an ice cream social on Tuesday, February 26, at 7 p.m., in 146 Gemmell Student Center at Clarion University.

Nominations for officers will take place during the event. Elections will be held the following Tuesday, March 4.

For more information, email circlek@clarion.edu.

Governor Rendell's Policy Office is seeking up to five students with an interest in public service and government for 2008 summer internships.

Interested students should

email their resume along with a cover letter to Patricia Grim at pggrim@state.pa.us. The student should indicate which policy area they would like to be considered for. Policy areas include: education; health care reform; economic development and workforce; criminal justice; and environmental issues, land use, and infrastructure.

For more information, call Patricia Grim at 717-772-9068.

The Experience Expo will be held on Monday, February 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Gemmell Multi-Purpose Room at Clarion University. More than 60 employers and agencies will be on hand to offer internships for summer 2008 or the 2008-2009 academic year.

More information about the event can be found at www.clarion.edu/career/experienceexpo or call Career Services at 814-393-2323.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided by Chartwells. Students who complete an evaluation form at the event will qualify for door prizes provided by several participating organizations.

A Getting Started in Voice Acting course will be held Tuesday, February 26, from 6-8 p.m., in 109 Still Hall at Clarion

University. The course covers the details of the industry, the importance of marketing and the demo tape, and is taught by a professional voice actor from the voice acting training company, Voices For All. Each student will be coached and recorded for a personal evaluation.

Pre-registration is required, and the cost for the course is \$55.

For more information, call the Division of Continuing Education at 814-393-2227, or register online at www.clarion.edu/ce.

Students may sign up at the Gemmell Student Center Information Desk to go on a ski trip to Seven Springs.

Costs include a lift ticket, \$40; ski rentals, \$18; and snowboard rentals, \$29.

Eve Ensler, founder of VDay and author of *The vagina Monologues*, will be in Hart Chapel on Tuesday, February 26, at 8 p.m., for a meet and greet event.

Advising and Counseling Services will present "What Do I Do Next?", a three-part workshop (attend one, two, or all three sessions), at the Health and Sciences Service Building, Main Street (next

to the University Inn), Clarion.

The next session will be held Wednesday, February 27, at 7 p.m. The final session will be held Wednesday, March 5.

To RSVP or for more information, call 814-393-2255.

Applications are being accepted for the student trustee position on the Clarion University Council of Trustees.

Eligible candidates must be: full-time undergraduate students (other than freshmen); enrolled for at least 12 semester hours; and in good academic standing.

Candidates must complete an application form available online at the Student Senate Website at <http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~senate>. Applications must be completed and accompanied by three letters of recommendation and submitted to the Student Senate Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 29. For more information, call 814-393-2318 or email s_adzellers@clarion.edu.

MARCH

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! vvoice@clarion.edu

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA. 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA. 16214-1232. 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 40, ISSUE 5

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2008

Suhr Library offers useful tips

With many essays and papers due at mid-semester, the helpful staff at Suhr Library would like to offer these useful tips.

Academic papers rely on citing the sources of research. Word 2007 can make citing sources and creating a bibliography very easy.

Adding a source to the Source Manager:

When sources are entered for the document, the information is saved so that it is easy to cite the source again, and it's also easy to compile the bibliography.

1. Place the insertion point where you want to insert the citation.

2. Click the References tab on the ribbon and click

the Insert Citation button in the Citation & Bibliography group.

3. Select Add New Source and the Create Source dialog box appears.

4. Enter the source information in the dialog box.

5. Click OK. A citation is inserted in the document where the insertion point is located. The source is also saved, so it can be cited again in the document and included in the bibliography.

Insert a citation from the Source Manager:

Once the source has been inserted, it is easy to create citations from the source.

1. Click the References tab

on the ribbon and click the Insert Citation button in the Citation & Bibliography group. A list of citations already inserted in the document appears.

2. Select the citation you want to reference. The citation is inserted in the document.

Insert a Bibliography:

Once you have cited sources in the document, you can create a bibliography that contains all the sources in the current list of the Source Manager.

1. Click the References tab on the ribbon and click the Bibliography button in the Citations & Bibliography group. A list of built-in

See **LIBRARY** page 2

ATTENTION STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF:

- "No Country for Old Men", the four-time academy award winning film that features Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem and Josh Brolin, will be shown Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

LIBRARY TIPS	1
EVENTS	1-6
TRASH TALK	2
OIL CREEK NEWS	3
HOWLING DOG CAFE	4
RIVER RIDGE FARM	5

Award-winning films to be shown

FEBRUARY

The Clarion University – Venango Campus Independent Film Series is free and open to the public. The series features films from independent filmmakers from China, the United States, Iran, Japan, the United Kingdom, Colombia, and India. All films will be shown on Saturdays

at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium.

Films scheduled for the Spring 2008 semester include "No Country for Old Men", March 1; "Saawariya", March 29; "Atonement", April 5; "Juno", April 12; "Waterhorse", April 19; and "Maria Full of Grace",

April 26.

For more information about the film series, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

Governor Rendell's Policy Office is seeking up to five students with an interest in public service

See **EVENTS** page 3

Wasting food is like tossing out your money



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

We waste a lot of food. On average, we throw away about one third of the food we buy. That's huge! Just imagine, if you spend \$150 per week on groceries, you are throwing away an average of \$50 every week, or \$2,600 per year! I don't know about you, but I can think of a few things to do with an extra two grand. We can help reduce this amount by buying only as much as we need to reduce spoiling and using the leftovers instead of throwing them away or saving them until they look like a science experiment.

If we could reduce the

amount of food thrown away by about the weight of a slice of bread every day, we'd save about 20 pounds of food annually - roughly enough to make sixteen meals. If every household did this, the savings would be enough to provide three meals a day for a year to this country's 1.35 million homeless children.

Now that we've reduced the amount of food we throw away, let's take it a step farther. What are we going to do with the rest of the food that is still inevitably going to hit the trash? Composting is a way to make an environmentally beneficial product with stuff that would normally be taking up space in a landfill.

How does it work? Food scraps and yard waste is broken down by microorganisms in the presence of oxygen. The result is a natural fertilizer that can be safely handled and applied to a garden or a lawn.

It helps condition and replenish the soil, suppressing pests and diseases on your plants. It also reduces or eliminates the need for pesticides, which is definitely a good thing.

"I don't know about you, but I can think of a few things to do with an extra two grand."

What can go into your compost? Fruit and vegetable waste (peels, skins, leaves, etc.), egg shells, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, paper towels and napkins, grass clippings and yard trimmings, paper, newspaper, dryer lint, sawdust, and much more. Some things should not find their way into your compost bin. Meat and dairy products cause some nasty odors, and if you live near a wooded area, it can attract some unwanted guests, like bears. Pet waste and litter carry diseases and parasites, and yard trimming that have been treated with pesticides should also stay out of compost. Charcoal ashes and

glossy paper are toxic to the microorganisms and should be omitted as well.

There are several ways you can start composting. You can start a pile in the back of your property, or buy or make a bin. Don't have a lot of space? No worries, there are even small composting bins that stay right in your kitchen, perfect for apartment-dwellers. The website www.howstuffworks.com is a great place to start.

Yard trimmings and food residuals add up to about 23 percent of the trash in our solid waste stream. If everyone in the U.S. composted their kitchen scraps, the waste diverted could make a three-foot-high compost pile to cover San Francisco.

Remember, small changes can bring big results!

Reference material for this article was found at: The Green Book, www.epa.gov, www.bbc.com, and www.howstuffworks.com

LIBRARY: Hours will change during spring breaks

Continued from page 1

options appears. You can choose either of these built-in options to insert the bibliography with heading text and formatting. Or, select Insert Bibliography to insert only the sources.

2. Select the built-in bibliography you want to insert. The cited sources are inserted in the document.

Suhr Library also would like to

note a change in hours during the upcoming Winter Holiday and Spring Vacation. Suhr Library hours will be as follows:

Winter Holiday hours will be in effect March 8-16. The library will be open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on the weekend.

Spring Vacation hours will be in effect March 20-25. The library will be

open Thursday and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on the weekend.

Suhr Library's regular hours, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., will be in effect on Monday, March 17, through Wednesday, March 19.

For more information or for assistance, call Suhr Library at Venango Campus at 814-676-6591.

Oil Creek State Park to hold free Maple Sugaring Program at Blood Farm

The Public Maple Sugaring Program at Oil Creek State Park will be held two consecutive weekends, March 8-9, and March 15-16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Blood Farm in Oil Creek State Park.

The free program will include guided tours, demonstrations, free samples, and working displays of a sugar bush. Everyone is welcome.

Guided tours for the public will be conducted Saturday and Sunday, March 8-9, and March

15-16, every hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (last program begins at 2 p.m.). Programs will be located at the Blood Farm Day Use Area, one-half mile from the Oil Creek State Park Route 8 entrance. Organized groups of ten or more should contact the park at 814-676-5915 for scheduling tours on weekdays and weekends.

Any person or group who wishes to volunteer or assist with the program should call 814-676-5915.

If you need an accommodation

to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks at 888-PA-PARKS (voice), 888-537-7294 (TTY), 717-558-2711 (Local or international TTY), 800-654-5984 (PA AT&T Relay Service). With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

For more information, call Stacey Marendt at 814-676-5915.

EVENTS: Graduation applications due on March 3

Continued from page 1

and government for 2008 summer internships.

Interested students should email their resume along with a cover letter to Patricia Grim at pggrim@state.pa.us. Students should indicate for consideration their choice of policy area. Policy areas include: education; health care reform; economic development and workforce; criminal justice; and environmental issues, land use, and infrastructure.

For more information, call Patricia Grim at 717-772-9068.

...

Advising and Counseling Services will present

"What Do I Do Next?", a three-part workshop (attend one, two, or all three sessions), at the Health and Sciences Service Building, Main Street (next to the University Inn), Clarion.

The final session will be held Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

To RSVP or for more information, call Counseling Services at 814-393-2255.

...

MARCH

Students who plan to graduate in Spring or Summer 2008 must submit a graduation application to the Registrar's Office by Monday, March 3. Student must have his or her advisor, department chair, and dean sign the graduation application.

Graduation applications are available online at www.clarion.edu/registrar/grad_app.shtml/

...

"American Theocracy: Politics, Radical Religion, Oil, and Borrowed Money in the 21st Century" will be presented Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m., in Rhoades Auditorium. The DVD presentation is part of the Satellite Series sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa.

Author Kevin Phillips will discuss how, from ancient Rome to the British Empire, every world-dominating power has been brought down by an overlapping set of problems.

Live discussion facilitated by faculty or commu-

nity members will follow the film.

...

The Student Affairs department will hold a Combat Stress Day on Thursday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Rhoades Center at Venango campus. The event is free.

Stations will be available for pre- and post-blood pressure readings associated with the stress interventions, as well as deep breathing and progressive muscle release techniques, emotional freedom techniques, exercise ball stretching sequences and chair mas-

See EVENTS page 4

New café has coffee bar, premium tea, art, entertainment, wireless Internet and more

The Howling Dog Gallery Café, located in the Oil City Arts District, is Oil City's newest coffee bar, featuring a full service espresso bar and one of the largest selections of premium teas in northwest Pennsylvania.

The café serves fresh pastries and homemade soups, as well as lunch served weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. XM Radio and wireless Internet service are available.

Acoustic musical performances and art displays are featured at the café, as well.

The Howling Dog Gallery Café is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 6 a.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday. It is located at 219 Seneca Street, Oil City.

For more information, call 677-2490.

EVENTS: PR professional Oltmanns to speak

Continued from page 3

sages.

...

The Clarion University Wind Ensemble, directed by Dr. Hubert Toney, will present its first concert of the semester, Festival Celebrations, on Sunday, March 2, at 3 p.m., in Marwick-Boyd Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the music department at 814-393-2287.

...

Robert Oltmanns of Skutski and Oltmanns Public Relations and Marketing Communications of Pittsburgh will speak on Monday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., in 107 Founders Hall at Clarion University. The event, sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America, is free and open to the public.

Oltmanns will discuss careers in the field of public relations, provide vari-

ous tips to successfully break into the field, and answer questions related to public relations.

...

Actor and author B.D. Wong will visit Clarion University's Marwick-Boyd Auditorium on Tuesday, March 4, at 8 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Wong's movie credits include roles in "Jurassic Park" and "Executive Decision". He played Dr. George Huang on NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit". Wong was honored with the Tony Award, Drama Desk Award, Outer Critics Circle Award, Clarence Derwent Award, and Theatre Award for his performance in the Broadway production of *M. Butterfly*.

...

Carlson Library will hold a series of course-integrated information literacy instruction programs for the spring 2008 semester. Sessions are held in room 201 in Carlson

Library unless alternate arrangements are made.

The first sessions will be held Wednesday, March 5. "RefWorks: Creating a Customized Citation Database" will be held from 11 a.m.-11:50 a.m. "Is it Plagiarism Yet?" will be held from 2-2:50 p.m.

On Thursday, March 6, "Evaluating Websites - Trash or Treasure?" will be held from 11-11:50 p.m. "Searching the Internet: Best of the Web" will be held from 2 p.m.-2:50 p.m.

Students are permitted to attend without a reservation, space permitting. However, space cannot be guaranteed unless a reservation is made. To reserve a space, call Karen Sheesman at 814-393-1841.

...

The Office of Continuing Education will offer Discover SCUBA. A free class will be held on Friday, March 7, from 6-9:30 p.m., at Tippin Natatorium. Students with further interest in the course

can return on following Fridays through April 11. The cost of the course after the free session is \$399.

To register online, visit <http://www.clarion.edu/ce/>. For more information, call 814-393-2227.

...

Applications are now available for Clarion University's Miss Clarion University Pageant. Applications can be picked up at the Gemmell Information Desk and at the University Activities Board Office, 249 Gemmell, and must be submitted to the same locations by noon on Tuesday, March 18, in order to be considered.

For more information, contact UAB Multicultural Chair Erica Pickett at s_empickett@clarion.edu or call 814-393-2312.

...

Ballroom Dancing for Beginners II Class will

See EVENTS page 6

Local farm was built by former congressman

Editor's Note: This article is one part of a series about the River Ridge Farm that will run in following issues.

As we travel from Franklin to Oil City along U.S. Route 8, we can't help but notice the huge, castle-like mansion that sits high above the east bank of the Allegheny River. This story is not so much the history behind the man who built it; it is more on what it was like in its heyday and the work that went into building it.

Joseph C. Sibley, was a former elected congressman from our area, who earned his fortune from being part owner in the Sibley-Miller Oil Company, later to merge with what was to be known as Standard Oil. One of his most important discoveries was the invention of a bright, safe, and long lasting signal oil lantern that was not bothered by extreme cold. This was before the day of electronic switches and signal lights that we have now.

Sibley originally had a large house on Elk Street in Franklin, which sat where the Franklin Post Office now sits. He and his first wife, Martha, lived in luxury and wanted for nothing. While

attending a Fourth of July picnic in the park in Franklin, a picnic in which he supplied everything for the entire town, a summer storm moved in and lasted all day. This may be where the story of the future of River Ridge Farm began and the tragedy that made it happen.

Martha got extremely sick because of being in the rain all that day, came down with pneumonia, and died a short time later.

Sibley soon realized that he could no longer spend time in his Elk Street home without his beloved wife and all the memories of her that lived there. Wanting to leave all these memories behind him and to move to the country, he purchased 750 acres from Robert G. Lamberton on November 15, 1911. He was able to purchase some surrounding land, which brought his estate to 1,200 acres, from which he could build his new life and dream.

Having seen a castle while touring Germany, he had a vision and a plan for what he wanted and how it would all be laid out; as a matter of fact, he was in control of all the work that was to take place. It would be hard to imagine how much money it would take to replicate this project today and if it could all hap-

pen in such a fast way.

One of the first concerns was how to get the construction materials needed to the site. We have to remember, this was 1911 and it was off the beaten path. The solution: build a one mile, private railroad track that connected to the Pennsylvania Railroad and ran to the bottom of the hill where the mansion would be built. However, this was far from the only route being made to access the property. The other project may have even been more impressive.

*Information for this article was obtained from **Destiny's Gentleman** by Jack Mays.*

ODD
NEWS
IN
HISTORY
With
Frank Rodgers

Venango Voice
226 Montgomery Hall
Clarion University-Venango Campus
Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, ext. 1289 E-mail: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber
Staff
Jon Cook
Frank Rodgers

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Christine Rodgers
Lori Secor

Policies

The *Venango Voice* is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University-Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The *Voice* is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the executive board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the *Voice* staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

EVENTS: Venango has intramural 3-on-3 basketball

Continued from pg. 4

meet six Thursdays beginning Thursday, March 27. Classes meet from 6-7 p.m. and focus on waltz, tango, and cha-cha.

The cost is \$120 per couple and \$60 per single.

For more information or to register, contact the Continuing Education Office by phone at 814-393-2227, online at www.clarion.edu/ce, or visit 210 Still Hall, Clarion University.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Pregnancy and Parenting Recourses Initiative (PPRI), composed of faculty, staff and students, is working to better serve Clarion University parents striving to attain a higher education.

Anyone interested in participating should e-mail Bonita Mullen at s_bcmullen@clarion.edu or call the Women's Studies office at 814-393-2720.

The Oil City YMCA is available for use by Venango Campus students who have paid an activity

fee. Students are allowed access to the weight room, pool, track, racquetball courts, and fitness center. In addition, Venango Campus students only pay member prices to enroll in classes offered at the YMCA.

Intramural 3-on-3 basketball is held for Venango Campus students every Monday night from 7-9 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

Bowling at Seneca Lanes is available for Venango Campus students every Monday night from 9-11 p.m., for \$2.50 per student per night.

Intramural co-ed volleyball is open to Venango Campus students every Tuesday from 7-9 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

The office of Minority Student Services Mentorship Program is searching for upper classmen and women and faculty members who wish to become a part of the Eyes on the Prize mentoring program. The program assigns mentors to incoming minority students to help with the transition to college life.

For more information, e-

mail Ashley Connor at s_arconnor@clarion.edu.

Circle K, an international community service organization, will hold meetings every Tuesday, from 7-8 p.m., in room 146 in Gemmell at Clarion University. Circle K works within the campus, in the local community, and abroad. The main focus of the organization is the proper care of children. All students are invited to attend.

For more information, email circlek@clarion.edu.

A self defense course taught by third degree black belt Brian Redick will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Clarion University Recreation Complex. The course is open to everyone. Prior experience is not necessary.

For more information, email Brian Redick at s_bdredick@clarion.edu.

The Philosophy Club meets every Thursday at 7:45 p.m. in Founders Hall at Clarion University.

Students can talk about philosophical ideas and hear what others have to offer.

Each week is a new discussion on any topic.

For more information, e-mail Kenny Bonus at s_kebonus@clarion.edu.

Kung Fu classes are available and open to anyone 14 years of age and older every Wednesday and Friday, from 6-8:30 p.m., in Tiffin Gymnasium at Clarion University. The class is \$100 and runs through Wednesday, April 30.

The class will meet in room 208 on Wednesday and in room 231 on Friday.

For more information or to register, call 814-393-2227 or visit www.clarion.edu/ce.

The Clarion University Recreation Center is offering several classes during the spring semester. Yoga, power flex, cardio tennis, aqua aerobics, kickboxing, strength training, and self defense are available. The center also holds net nights five days a week for tennis, volleyball, soccer, and badminton. Faculty, staff, and the community can use the facility for \$50 per semester for aerobics or \$5 a day for the use of all programs.

E-MAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The *Venango Voice* is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the *Venango Voice* reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA. 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 40, ISSUE 6

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008

Primary coming to PA in April

The 2008 Pennsylvania primary election is nearly upon us. On Tuesday, April 22, residents of the Keystone State will find ballots for selections for U.S. president, U.S. Congress, and state legislature positions. Are you a registered voter? Are you familiar with the candidates?

Though the deadline to register for the primary election will pass on Monday, March 24, Pennsylvania residents have until October 6, 30 days before the 2008 general election on November 4, to register to vote.

According to election and voting source www.declareyourself.com, in order to be eligible to register to vote in Pennsylvania, you must: be a citizen of the United States at least one month before the

next election; be a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district at least 30 days before the election; be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next election; and you must not have been confined in a penal institution for the conviction of a felony within the last five years.

The candidates hoping for your state legislature vote in 2008, according to www.uselections.com, are: Jim Eisenhower (D) and John Morganelli (D) for Attorney General; and John Cordisco (D), Jennifer Mann (D), Rob McCord (D), Dennis Morrison-Wesley (D) and Tom Ellis (R) for State Treasurer.

No candidate has been named to replace State Auditor General Jack Wagner (D).

Eight Republicans and

three Democrats are competing for the seat held by 5th Congressional District Representative John Peterson, a Republican retiring at the end of his term. Oil City, as well as much of Venango County, is part of District 5.

The forerunners for the presidency running on the democratic ticket are Senator Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Senator Hillary Clinton, D-NY.

The leading Republican nominee for president is Senator John McCain, R-AZ.

Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas, is also currently on the Republican ticket.

To learn more about voting and the primary and general elections of 2008 or to register to vote, visit www.declareyourself.com.

ATTENTION STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF:

- Read on to learn about Venango's own Phi Theta Kappa chapter. The honor society recently held a campus blood drive and inducted several new members. Congratulations to those students!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

ELECTIONS	1
EVENTS	1-6
TRASH TALK	2
PTK UPDATE	3
RESPECT?	4
CASINO NIGHT	5

FAFSA forms are due on May 1

MARCH

The PHEAA state grant deadline to complete the 2008-09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid is Thursday, May 1.

With completed federal taxes, students can com-

plete a FAFSA form at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

...

The Interdenominational Christian Fellowship group meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month, from 12:30-1:30

p.m., at 105 Frame Hall.

The group is open to anyone and is non-denominational. Visitors are invited to talk about God, faith, and the search

See EVENTS page 2

Cleaning products are starting to 'go green'



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

"This is a hazardous solid waste. Must be disposed of in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations." This is a typical warning you may expect to see referring to batteries, pesticides, or paint. Is this a warning you would expect to find on a product you, your family, and your pets could be in contact with daily?

Guess where it came from - 2000 Flushes automatic toilet bowl cleaner. Let's pause a moment to think about that... hazardous waste... specific disposal

guidelines... and yet it's going directly into our water stream. Does that seem messed up to anyone else? That water comes full circle. Eventually, you're going to be drinking it. Well, all the impurities are cleaned out of there before it comes back around though, right? Wrong. Not all of it. For example, loads of over-the-counter drugs are in the water that you drink and bathe in. But, that's an article for another day.

Cleaning products have some nasty chemicals in them that can cause a lot of health problems: burns, rashes, respiratory tract irritation, irritation to the skin, mouth, nose, and throat - and that's just the tip of the iceberg. In addition to plenty of other chemicals, toilet bowl cleaners usually contain hydrochloric acid and hypochlorite bleach, both of which are corrosive and have some nasty secondary effects. What's going to happen to a child who gets into the cleaners and drinks from that pretty bottle, or a dog that drinks from the toilet that still has a bit

of cleaner left in it? All that in the name of a clean toilet?

This latest wave of knowledge left me feeling more than a bit uneasy. I started going through my cleaning cupboard, reading the warning labels with new eyes. Yes, of course, I would never drink cleaning products, or lick the inside of my bathroom sink after I Mr. Cleaned-it. But, how many times has my son dropped his toothbrush in the sink and I rinsed it off and gave it back to him? How many times have I shooed my cat out of the bathroom after she was playing in the toilet? (I swear, she thinks she's a dog.) We are still exposed to the chemicals in our cleaning products even if we don't touch them directly.

Don't worry, help is on the horizon. At Giant Eagle, I found several companies making cleaning products that are safe for the environment and for us. So, I did a little research. Mrs. Myers, Method, and Seventh Generation all make supplies that are plant-based only - free of petroleum, chlorine,

phosphates, harsh chemicals and fumes. They have totally safe fragrances made from whole and natural plant essence, and, dang, they smell good. Imagine being able to clean your bathroom without wearing a gas mask to keep you from coughing at the nasty fumes. What was surprising to me was finding a new line of products from Clorox, Greenworks. These products are over 90 percent petrochemical free. MUCH of the ingredients are biodegradable. Not perfect by any means, but it is a definite improvement. I think if a company as big as Clorox is recognizing that consumers want a safer product, it is only a matter of time before the rest of them follow suit, and that is a great starting point. After all, small changes can bring big results!

Reference material for this article was found at: <http://hpd.nlm.nih.gov>, www.mamashealth.com, www.mrsmyers.com, www.methodhome.com, and www.seventhgeneration.com.

EVENTS: "Saawariya" will be shown March 29

Continued from page 1

for meaning, as well as invited to bring a lunch.

...

The Clarion University - Venango Campus Independent Film Series is free and open to the public. The series features films from independent filmmakers from China, the United States, Iran,

Japan, the United Kingdom, Colombia, and India. All films will be shown on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium.

Films scheduled for the Spring 2008 semester include "Saawariya", March 29; "Atonement", April 5; "Juno", April 12; "Waterhorse", April 19; and "Maria Full of Grace",

April 26.

For more information about the film series, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

Governor Rendell's Policy Office is seeking up to five students with an interest in public service and government for

See EVENTS page 4

Phi Theta Kappa held blood drive, induction

Phi Theta Kappa held their semi-annual blood drive, through the American Red Cross, Oil City Chapter, on Thursday, February 14. Through donations from 23 people, the group was able to collect several pints of blood.

Two donors each won \$10 gift cards for the Venango Campus bookstore. The group sends congratulations to Gregory Barnes and Ben Vandyke.

If you have never donated blood before, the members of PTK ask you to please consider doing so. "Your support means so much to so many," said PTK vice president of public relations Shawna Jewell. "Thank you to all who participated this year. We hope to see you in the fall!"

...
The 29th Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony was held on Saturday, February 16, at the Quality Inn and Conference Center in Franklin. Beth Jackson and Kelly Lander serve as chapter advisors for Alpha Kappa Delta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Jason Indan, Pennsylvania State President of Phi Theta Kappa, was the guest speaker. Latrobe Barnitz, coordinator of Admissions and Financial Aid, provided music at the event.

The new 2008-2009 inductees are: Elizabeth Austin, Charity Barger, Zach Bernard, Debra Carbaugh, Jonathan Frazier, Dee Henry, Amber Jewell, Shawna Jewell, Jean Kinnear, Amy Lewis, Tom

Meier, Daniele Merryman, Leslie Moyer, Jamie Renwick, Pamela Schmader, Lori Secor, Andrea Stiller, Brianne Vroman, Valerie Wonderling, and honorary member, Dr. Joan Huber.

The newly installed 2008-2009 officers are: Patti Shontz, president; Elizabeth Austin, vice president of community events; Daniele Merryman, vice president of fundraising; Heather Almond, co-vice president of membership; Amber Jewell, co-vice president of membership; Shawna Jewell, vice president of public relations; Ja-

mie Renwick, secretary; and Esther Estes, treasurer.

Phi Theta Kappa serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership, and service programming.

Today, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2 million members and 1,200 chapters located in all 50 of the United States, U.S.

territories, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Germany, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, United Arab Emirates and Palau.

Phi Theta Kappa members participate in an incentive gift card drawing the last meeting of every month. The February winners received a \$25 gift certificate to Eat-n-Park. The group sends congratulations to Charity Barger and Beth Austin. Phi Theta Kappa's next meeting is scheduled for March 27, at 4 p.m., in the Rhoades Club Meeting Room.

New inductees in the top photo include, (l-r), Jamie Renwick, Amy Lewis, Charity Barger, Dee Henry, Jean Kinnear, and Andrea Stiller. In the photo at the bottom, additional inductees include, (l-r), Dr. Joan Huber, Elizabeth Austin, Amber Jewell, Shawna Jewell, Daniele Merryman, and Pam Schmader.



Student ponders, 'Is respect lost in classroom?'

By Sara Knapp

Turn on your television, read your local newspaper, or pick up any recognized magazine and you will come across an issue that bears acknowledgment - respect. Older generations claim respect has diminished in recent years, while youth seem to dismiss the issue altogether.

When I interviewed Dr. Carie Forden of Clarion's Psychology Department, and Nursing faculty member Ms. Angela West, I got two completely opposite opinions of respect in the classroom. Dr. Forden defined respect as listening to someone with

an open mind and heart, while Ms. West stated that she believes respect is being accountable to yourself and others, and being non-judgmental.

Dr. Forden thinks that her students show her respect by giving her their full attention, and being engaged and present each class.

Ms. West declared that speaking considerably, taking personal accountability, and the formality in which students communicate with her, either in class or by email, says a lot about their attitude on respect.

When I asked them about how they feel when respected, they both responded similarly. Dr. Forden said she

feels heard and recognized, while Ms. West feels it is a positive boost to her ego.

Finally, I asked them both if they think respect from students has declined in the past ten years.

Ms. West responded with a definite "Yes!", and backed it up with factors such as family values, communities, messages on TV/video games, etc., as being significant factors of respect declining.

Dr. Forden disagreed, stating that she doesn't think it has declined, saying it has always been a problem, but that text messaging has played a big role in showing disrespect in her classroom.

EVENTS: Baby Item Drive to be held through April 18

Continued from page 2

2008 summer internships.

Interested students should email their resume along with a cover letter to Patricia Grim at pggrim@state.pa.us. The student should indicate which policy area they would like to be considered for. Policy areas include: education; health care reform; economic development and workforce; criminal justice; and environmental issues, land use, and infrastructure.

For more information, call Patricia Grim at 717-772-9068.

Ballroom Dancing for Beginners 11 Class will meet six Thursdays beginning Thursday, March 27. Classes meet from 6-7 p.m. and focus on waltz, tango, and cha-cha.

The cost is \$120 per couple and \$60 per single.

For more information or to register, contact the Continuing Education Office by phone at 814-393-2227, online at www.clarion.edu/ce, or visit 210 Still Hall, Clarion University.

A Baby Item Drive will be held through Friday, April 18, to benefit pregnant and parenting students of Clarion University. Clothing, infant formula, non-perishable food items, toys and other baby-related items are welcome.

Donations can be made through Thomas Rourke, 305 Founders Hall, ext. 2369; or the Women's Studies Program, 207 Harvey Hall, ext. 2720.

The Eagle Ambassador President's Circle is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 academic year. Any interested student can find an application online at <http://www.clarion.edu/groups-orgs/alumni/eagle.html>

Application copies can also be picked up at the following locations: Career Services, 114 Egbert Hall; Provost's Office, 115 Carrier Hall; and Center for Advancement, Greenville Avenue.

All completed applications are due to the Center for Advancement or by email to bmurray@clarion.edu by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 28. Students who

complete the application will be contacted on or before April 1 to schedule an interview on April 4. Applicants must be available to attend the Leadership Conference scheduled for Saturday, April 26. (The conference will be held in the morning and early afternoon, allowing students to attend CampusFest.)

For more information, contact: David Reed, Eagle Ambassador President, at s_dkreed@clarion.edu or Brooke Murray, Eagle Ambassador Advisor, at bmurray@clarion.edu or 814-393-1784.

The annual Presidential Exhibition, sponsored by VizArtz, will be held in the University Gallery beginning Monday, March 31. Any student may submit an entry. Drop off dates are Thursday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, March 28, from 2-5 p.m., in the University Gallery.

An awards reception will be held Thursday, April 3, from 5-7 p.m.

For more information, contact Michelle Peters at s_mlpeters@clarion.edu.

See EVENTS page 5

Casino Night is slated for Friday, April 4

Casino Night at Venango Campus will be held Friday, April 4, from 7-10 p.m., at Robert W. Rhoades Center. The event, featuring free food, fun and prizes, is sponsored by the

Venango Campus Activities Board.

Venango Campus faculty and staff will serve as dealers during Casino Night.

No gambling will take place during the event and money will not

be exchanged.

For more information about Casino Night at Venango Campus, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1270, or visit 114 Rhoades Center.

EVENTS: Praxis available to education majors

Continued from page 4

APRIL

Praxis exams will be offered for all education majors in the month of April for just \$20 each.

The Praxis I Prep. in reading will be held Wednesday, April 2, from 7-8 p.m. The Praxis I Prep. in writing will be held Thursday, April 10, from 7-8 p.m. The Praxis I Prep. in mathematics will be held Thursday, April 17, from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, call the Continuing Education office at 814-676-6591, ext. 1273, or visit room 215 Frame Hall.

...

The staff at the Venango Campus Career Center in 228/230 Montgomery Hall can assist you in preparation for two local job fairs in the month of April.

The Oil Region Job Fair will be held on Thursday, April 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Cranberry Mall, routes 322 and 257 in Cranberry.

Those in attendance

will have the opportunity to meet with area employers. Attendees should prepare for on-site interviews by bringing a resume and "dressing for success".

A job fair will also be held at the Clarion Mall on Thursday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Oil Region Career-Link at 814-678-5050 or visit www.cwds.state.pa.us.

...

Storyteller and performer Meg Allison will perform on Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge. The event is sponsored by the Venango Campus Activities Board and is part of the Coffee House Series.

Allison is an emerging acoustic artist who writes her own melodies and lyrics. She appeared as a finalist on USA Network's "Nashville Star".

...

James Gemmell Student Leader award applications are now available. The award is named after former Clarion University president James Gemmell

and is awarded to a student who demonstrates exceptional leadership to the Clarion University campus (Venango commuters eligible). The recipient will receive a cash award and have their name engraved on the Gemmell Leadership award plaque which is displayed in the Gemmell Student Com-

plex. The recipient also receives a framed print of Gemmell Student Complex painted by a local artist.

Qualifications for the award include: undergraduate student at Clarion University; minimum QPA of 2.50; must have demonstrated leadership

See EVENTS page 6

Venango Voice

226 Montgomery Hall

Clarion University-Venango Campus

Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, ext. 1289 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Staff

Jon Cook

Frank Rodgers

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Christine Rodgers

Lori Secor

Policies

The *Venango Voice* is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University-Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The *Voice* is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the executive board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the *Voice* staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

EVENTS: Financial aid available for returning adults

Continued from page 5

at the Clarion University campus; must provide two letters of reference from University faculty or staff; must complete the application form; and the student must provide a resume.

Application forms, letters of reference, and resumes must be turned in to Greta Lutz, Office of Campus Life, 267 Gemmell, by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 11.

Nominees will be invited to attend the 6th annual Reinhard Awards Ceremony to be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, in the Gemmell MPR, where the recipient will be announced.

Two financial aid opportunities for returning adult students (24 years of age or older) are available.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) has funded Clarion University to award several Workforce Advancement Grants for Education (WAGE Grant) for the 2007-2008 academic year.

To qualify, you must be a permanent resident of Pennsylvania, demonstrate finan-

cial need and have a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file, and not already be a recipient of a PHEAA state grant.

Graduates, undergraduates, and associate degree students are eligible. Nursing students are not eligible. Applications must be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15.

The Lois Borland Fulmer Scholarship for Returning Adult Students Committee is accepting applications for the 2008-09 academic year. Applicants must be full or part time undergraduate students (or post-baccalaureate students pursuing teacher certification) with a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.00.

Applications, letters of recommendation, and personal statements should be received by Mary Jo Phillips, Office of Financial Aid, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15.

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid, 104 Egbert Hall, or by phone at 814-393-2315.

...
The Clarion University Pregnancy and Parenting Resources Forum will be held Wednesday, April 16, from 2-5 p.m., in Level A, Carlson Library.

The forum will assemble all of the major university offices that deal with students, and work out a coordinated program of services to aid pregnant and parenting students.

The forum is open to all students, faculty and staff, and is free of charge. Refreshments will be served. Babysitting for parenting students will be available.

...
The Career Services Center is in need of volunteer student ambassadors to assist with the 2008 Education Job Fair on Wednesday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in Tippin Gymnasium.

Volunteers are needed to help with setup and various other tasks on the day of the event.

For more information, e-mail Kayla at careers@clarion.edu as soon as possible. Include name, e-mail address, phone number,

and hours available to volunteer in the e-mail.

...
Lil Sibs Weekend will be held at Clarion University main campus Friday, April 18 through Sunday, April 20.

The event is free and open to all Clarion University students and their guests – brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, sons, and daughters.

Friday will feature a Pizza and Pajama Party at 7 p.m., in 250/252 Gemmell. The film "The Water Horse" will be shown.

On Saturday, there will be several activities, including an inflatable Vello wall, Spin Art Frisbees, limbo contests, dog tag making, face painters and more, held from noon to 4 p.m. outside Gemmell. "The Water Horse" will be shown at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in 250/252 Gemmell.

Spray paint tattoos will be available from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Gemmell Rotunda.

The rain location for Lil Sib activities is Tippin Gymnasium.

...

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The *Venango Voice* is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the *Venango Voice* reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 40, ISSUE 7

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008

2008 Oil Region Job Fair slated

The 2008 Oil Region Job Fair will be held on Thursday, April 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Cranberry Mall, routes 322 and 257 in Cranberry.

Students may visit the Venango Campus Career Center in 228/230 Montgomery Hall for assistance to prepare for the job fair. Fair attendees should prepare for on-site interviews by bringing a resume and "dressing for success."

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to meet with area employers.

Some employers at last year's event included AFLAC, County of Venango, Forever Broadcasting, Keystone SMILES, National City, PA Department of Treasury, PA National Guard, PennDOT, PA State Civil Service, U.S. Army, Marine and Navy, Venango County Assistance Office, Webco In-

dustries, Inc., and more.

Attendees should register online prior to the event by creating a profile on Pennsylvania CareerLink's Website at www.cwds.state.pa.us.

For more information about the 2008 Oil Region Job Fair, contact Venango Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at 814-676-6591, ext. 1373 or mconrad@clarion.edu, or contact Oil Region CareerLink at 814-678-5050.

ATTENTION,
STUDENTS,
FACULTY, AND
STAFF:

- *Be sure to take part in the Earth Day activities at Venango Campus on Thursday, April 10. The event will take place at Rhoades Center.*

Prepare to register for 2008-09

Registration for Summer 2008 sessions and Fall 2008 courses begins Monday, April 7. The Clarion University-Venango Campus administration recommends students take the following steps to prepare.

- Watch for an e-mail from the Registrar's Office regarding your registration date
- Review your course degree audit (Web

for Students)

- Check for academic or financial hold flags
 - Meet with your academic advisor prior to your registration date
 - Preview/review schedules (<http://www.clarion.edu/registrar/schedule/index.shtml>)
- For more information about class registra-

tion, contact the Venango Campus Administrative Office during regular business hours at 814-676-6591, or visit the office in Frame Hall.

The Venango Administrative Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Register on time to ensure your spot!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

JOB FAIR	1
REGISTRATION	1
TRASH TALK	2
EVENTS	2-6
EARTH DAY	3
CONSTRUCTION	4
PTK	4
ODD NEWS	5

Help eliminate e-waste, turn in cell phone



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

Cell phones, ipods, computers, fax machines, printers, and other electronic equipment are known as "e-waste" once they have passed their prime and are discarded. They contain valuable precious metals and other components, most of which happen to be extremely dangerous and toxic to people and the environment. Exposure to these chemicals will cause a vast array of serious health problems. Some of these

chemicals are persistent and bio accumulative, which means they build up in the environment, and take a long time to diminish, if ever.

About 80 percent of the e-waste from the United States is shipped to impoverished countries for "recycling", most of it cell phones and computers. Workers, including children, process it by burning, smoldering, melting, and soaking parts in acid baths to separate the valuable precious metals. They are unprotected by masks or gloves, and breathe in toxic fumes and handle dangerous chemicals directly. The parts left over, such as the stripped circuit boards and hard PVC outer shells are burned, dumped in rivers, or left stacked up to slowly decompose, polluting the ground, air, and water.

Currently, it is not illegal for companies in the U.S. to ship toxic waste to other countries. In fact, cargo ships are not even inspected before

departing our shores. The Basel Ban Amendment of 1995 banned the export of hazardous waste (including e-waste) from developed to developing countries if both parties have signed the convention. Although the US has signed the treaty, it is the only developed country that has not yet ratified it, allowing American recycling businesses to export their electronic waste to be disassembled elsewhere. In fact, electronic waste is often exempt from US laws governing the export of waste, including the requirement to notify the country receiving the waste. It is also illegal for most of the countries that are processing e-waste, but governments look the other way for the sake of money.

One particularly disturbing example is the Erren River in Taiwan. This area used to be one of the fore-runners in illegal e-waste recycling. In some places

circuit boards are stacked up alongside the river as high as eight feet. The river is so polluted that a fish placed in the water will die in about **two minutes!** The cancer rate is almost four times greater than the United States, and human life expectancy is about 50 years.

Come to Earth Day April 10 in Rhoades Center and bring any old cell phones you or your family have, and enter to win one of four \$50 Sheetz gift cards. After Earth Day, a container will remain in the bookstore for old cell phones to be donated. All money brought in from the recycling program will be used to help make our campus more environmentally friendly. See you on Earth Day! Remember, small changes bring big results!

Reference material: www.greenpeace.org, www.ban.org, www.noharm.org, and www.etxocis.org.

Academy nominated "Atonement" to be shown

APRIL

The PHEAA state grant deadline to complete the 2008-09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid is Thursday, May 1.

With completed federal taxes, students can complete a FAFSA form at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

...

The Interdenominational Christian Fellowship group meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., at 105 Frame Hall.

The group is open to anyone and is non-denominational. Visitors are invited to talk about God, faith, and the search for meaning, as well as invited to bring a lunch.

...

The Clarion University – Venango Campus Independent Film Series is free and open to the public. The series features films from independent filmmakers from China, the United States, Iran, Japan, the United Kingdom, Colombia, and India. All films will

be shown on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium.

Films scheduled for the Spring 2008 semester include "Atonement", April 5; "Juno", April 12; "Waterhorse", April 19; and "Maria Full of Grace", April 26.

For more information about the film series, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

... Governor Rendell's Policy Office is seeking up

to five students with an interest in public service and government for 2008 summer internships.

Interested students should e-mail their resume along with a cover letter to Patricia Grim at pggrim@state.pa.us. The student should indicate which policy area they would like to be considered for. Policy areas include: education; health care reform; economic develop-

See EVENTS page 3

Earth Day celebration to be held April 10

Clarion University-Venango Campus will celebrate Earth Day on Thursday, April 10, with a series of events held in the Robert W. Rhoades Center that focus on the critical need to protect the environment. All activities are free and open to the public.

From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., participants can safely recycle their old cell phones in exchange for a chance to learn about e-waste and win a \$50 Sheetz gift card.

Instructions for clearing personal information from cell phones prior to recycling are available at the website www.recyclelular.com/recycling/date_eraser. Cell phone drop boxes will remain in the Venango Campus bookstore and at the TNT Deli, 401

Third Street, Franklin, on an ongoing basis following Earth Day.

From 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., participants can test their knowledge of how to preserve our planet for generations to come with a "Sustainability Quiz". The first 100 quiz-takers will receive a free CFL, the new low-energy compact fluorescent light bulb that fits into standard lamps.

At 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m., the 2007 documentary about the environment, "The 11th Hour," narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, will be shown in the Rhoades Center auditorium.

Dr. Joshua Pearce, Clarion University physics professor, will discuss "Applied Sustainability" in the auditorium at 5 p.m.

The jazz/rock group "OneWayLane" will perform from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. outside Rhoades Center, weather permitting, or in the auditorium.

During the band's break, Penn State Behrend chemistry student and environmental advocate, Olivia Hoermann, will speak.

Earth Day was launched in 1970 amid rising concern about the environment across the nation, primarily on college campuses. Over 20 million people participated that year. The event is now observed in 175 countries by over 500 million people each year.

For more information, contact Professor Lola Deets at 676-6591, extension 1217.

EVENTS: Graduation Fair slated at Clarion University

Continued from page 2

ment and workforce; criminal justice; and environmental issues, land use, and infrastructure.

For more information, call Patricia Grim at 717-772-9068.

...

A Graduation Fair for Spring 2008 graduates will be held Monday, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Clarion University Book Center. Balfour, Jostens, and Collegiate Cap and Gown will be on hand to answer graduation questions and assist with the purchase of cap and gowns, announcements, class rings, diploma frames, and more.

Cap and gown packages include: bachelor outfit, \$24.95; master outfit with hood, \$54.00; and master

hood only, \$27.00. All items are available separately.

Personalized graduation announcements will be available to order at the fair and also online at www.balfourcollege.com or by phone at 1-877-225-3687.

Jostens class rings start at \$239, diploma frames will be 20 percent off this day only, and graduation t-shirts and blankets will also be available.

If unable to attend, student teachers and Web students can order cap and gowns online to be shipped for \$8.99 or be picked up at a later date.

Venango students can order cap and gowns at the Venango Book Center. Announcements should be ordered online.

Sizes cannot be guaranteed after Monday, April 28.

For more information, call the Clarion Book Center at 814-393-2696.

...

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education will present On Diversity and the University: A Brief, Optical Odyssey on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m., at Hart Chapel. The program is part of the Diversity Grant-International Speaker Series.

...

A Baby Item Drive will be held through Friday, April 18, to benefit pregnant and parenting students of Clarion University. Clothing, infant formula, non-perishable food items, toys and other baby-related items are welcome.

Donations can be made through Thomas Rourke, 305 Founders Hall, ext. 2369; or the Women's Studies Program, 207 Harvey Hall, ext.

2720.

...

The Praxis I Prep. (Writing) will be held Thursday, April 10, from 7-8 p.m. for \$20.

The Praxis I Prep. (Mathematics) will be held Thursday, April 17, from 7-8 p.m. for \$20.

For more information, call the Continuing Education office at 814-676-6591, ext. 1273, or visit room 215 Frame Hall.

...

The staff at the Venango Campus Career Center in 228/230 Montgomery Hall can assist you in preparation for two local job fairs in the month of April.

The Oil Region Job

See EVENTS page 6

Venango Campus to receive a few changes

By Jon Cook

Clarion University-Venango Campus is slated to get new look over the coming months. The Campus will be adding two new residential halls, along with renovations to Frame Hall and Rhoades Center; and a complete renovation and restoration to West End Pond. Most of these projects will be funded by private donations and grants.

The enhancement and restoration of West End Pond was scheduled to begin in March and will continue through the spring and summer. The work will start by returning the pond to its original size and depth, which have been altered over the years by overgrowth and silt deposits. After restoring the pond to its original appearance, work will begin on enhancing the amenities around the pond to create a recreational area for students and the community. The new amenities will include lighted walkways, a pavilion, picnic benches, a new bridge, a fire pit, a four-sided Victorian style

clock, and plantings of various flowers and shrubbery.

The funding for the restoration was raised from many sources within the community, including the Venango County Commissioners through the Growing Greener II and liquid fuels tax program, the Samuel Justus Charitable Trust, donations from Hank and Beverly Suhr, Nancy Cubbon, Libby Williams and National City Bank, along with grants from Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Construction on the two new residential halls is expected to start in the fall of 2008. This will be the fourth and fifth buildings of what is planned to be a seven-building student apartment complex located directly across from the campus on West First Street. The new three story building will be made possible by donations from Joyce and Mike Hughes, who previously funded the Edward V. and Jessie L. Peters Hall and the Michael F. and Joyce I. Hughes Hall. The new two-story building will be

funded by an anonymous donor. The buildings should be ready for occupancy for the Fall 2009 semester. Both facilities, like the three existing apartment buildings in the complex, will be fully furnished and handicap accessible. The apartments will include a kitchen, laundry facilities, and four single bedrooms with a dual living room/dining area. The buildings will bring the total Venango student apartment occupancy to 92. All of the buildings in the Venango apartment complex are funded through private donations from generous community members and are owned and operated by the Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

Venango Campus will also see restoration to two of their older buildings. Frame Hall and Rhoades Center are slated for renovation this summer. Restrooms on the lower level of Frame Hall will be renovated, along with the locker rooms on the lower level of Rhoades Center. The renovations on both buildings will be funded by Key 93.

PTK selling Stromboli, will sponsor events

Phi Theta Kappa will hold its April meetings on the following dates: Thursday, April 10, and Wednesday, April 23. Both meetings will be held at 4 p.m., at the club meeting room.

...

Phi Theta Kappa is currently holding their Stromboli fundraiser through Thursday, April 10.

Jane's Stromboli are available for purchase in five different flavors: broccoli and cheese; pepperoni and cheese; combo - ham, salami, pepperoni, green peppers, onions and cheese; deluxe - sweet sausage, green peppers, onions and

cheese; and chicken, peppers, onions and cheese.

All meat Stromboli contain mozzarella and provolone cheeses. Broccoli Stromboli contain mozzarella, provolone, and cheddar cheeses.

Each frozen, individually wrapped Stromboli is \$2.50. Stromboli will be delivered Thursday, April 17.

Contact any PTK officer or member to order.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, April 17. The event will be held at Rhoades

Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Those who wish to attend should RSVP to Beth Jackson by Thursday, April 10, at bjackson@clarion.edu or call 676-6591, ext. 1336.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will also sponsor the sale of graduation bouquets, which will be available for \$5 at Commencement on Saturday, May 10.

To order in advance, contact Joe Tackett, VP of Fundraising, at s_jatackett@clarion.edu or 814-242-5385.

Farm entrance was 'huge and impressive'

Editor's Note: This article part two in a series about the River Ridge Farm.

From 1991-1912, while the one-mile private rail track was being constructed, along with its own rail station with restrooms and running water, Sibley employed hundreds of local men, along with surveyors, to construct 13 miles of roads that would cross over six stone bridges.

Guests that would be arriving by rail would walk under a 21-ton mammoth stone arch that was hewn from a solid boulder taken from the property. They would travel up to the mansion along a winding road which had manicured flower gardens running the full length on either side. It has been said that the archway was so huge and impressive that some people were afraid to walk under and chose to walk around it instead.

Guests arriving by car or buggy would be met at the Gate House and escorted to the mansion along a winding road where some places would have a 500-foot sheer drop-off down to the river. While traveling along the road, guests

would have the opportunity to take in the sheer beauty of the landscape and wildlife on the property. They would see four duck ponds that were 50 square feet and a larger pond that was 75 square feet, in which there were three Roman-style marble sculptures of a young boy and girl holding an urn. Water would rise from heights of 35 feet or more from the sculpture.

It must have been like traveling through a wildlife park as you drove along the valley floor. On the property were 14 Wapiti elk, 12 American buffalo, horses, sheep, Angora goats, Poland China hogs (one weighing more than 1,100 lbs.), Pekin ducks, white swans, domestic ducks, wild ducks and Canadian geese that would fly in for the summer.

Eventually there would be 8,000 stone and concrete fence posts, 8-14 feet high, interconnected with hedges 20 feet thick. There were also more than 95 varieties of flowering shrubs and plants around the mansion and throughout the property. There was a 7-acre underground sprinkler system and an irrigation system that extended to 400 acres of cultivated fields.

Remember, it was 1913 and this would have been quite a feat in those days, and consider the cost of doing it today. It had to have

been a gardener's dream and makes one wonder what it must have looked like with everything in full bloom.

It is no wonder that Sibley's interest in farming helped develop many hybrid and pure-bred products and scientific farming methods. He would even invite local farmers to come out and learn new farming methods, along with new types of plants and flowers that they could grow.

Okay, now we have the rail line built, the roads and bridges all built. It's time to start on the major construction of the mansion and the 22 other buildings that would complete his dream and make it a show place where even presidents would want to come and spend some time.

ODD NEWS IN HISTORY

With
Frank Rodgers

Venango Voice
226 Montgomery Hall
Clarion University-Venango Campus
Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, ext. 1289 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber
Staff
Jon Cook
Frank Rodgers

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Christine Rodgers
Lori Secor

Policies

The *Venango Voice* is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University-Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The *Voice* is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the executive board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the *Voice* staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Got an opinion? Let's hear it!

Send your signed letter to the editor to:
vvoice@clarion.edu

EVENTS: Meg Allison to perform at Rhoades

Continued from pg. 3

Fair will be held on Thursday, April 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Cranberry Mall, routes 322 and 257 in Cranberry.

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to meet with area employers. Attendees should prepare for on-site interviews by bringing a resume and "dressing for success".

For more information, contact Oil Region CareerLink at 814-678-5050 or visit www.cwds.state.pa.us.

Storyteller and performer Meg Allison will perform on Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge. The event is sponsored by the Venango Campus Activities Board and is part of the Coffee House Series.

Allison is an emerging acoustic artist who writes her own melodies and lyrics. She appeared as a finalist on USA Network's "Nashville Star".

T.J. Wheeler and the Smokers, a blues/jazz ensemble, will perform Monday, April 7, at 7:30

p.m., in Hart Chapel, as the closing program in Clarion University's 2007-08 Martin Luther King Jr. Speaker Series. The program, sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee and Minority Student Services, is free and open to the public.

Wheeler is a blues and jazz guitarist, vocalist, educator, and musical activist.

VizArtz will hold its Open Studio Night Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m., through Saturday, April 19, at 7 a.m., in Marwick-Boyd. The event is open to all students. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Michelle Peters at s_mlpeters@clarion.edu.

James Gemmell Student Leader award applications are now available. The award is named after former Clarion University president James Gemmell and is awarded to a student who demonstrates exceptional leadership to the Clarion University campus (Venango commuters eligible). The recipient will receive a cash award and have their name engraved on the Gemmell Leadership award plaque which is displayed in the Gemmell Student Com-

plex. The recipient also receives a framed print of Gemmell Student Complex painted by a local artist.

Qualifications for the award include: undergraduate student at Clarion University; minimum QPA of 2.50; must have demonstrated leadership at the Clarion University campus; must provide two letters of reference from University faculty or staff; must complete the application form; and the student must provide a resume.

Application forms, letters of reference, and resumes must be turned in to Greta Lutz, Office of Campus Life, 267 Gemmell, by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 11.

Nominees will be invited to attend the 6th annual Reinhard Awards Ceremony to be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, in the Gemmell MPR, where the recipient will be announced.

Two financial aid opportunities for returning adult students (24 years of age or older) are available.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) has funded Clarion University to award several Workforce Advancement Grants for Education (WAGE

Grant) for the 2007-2008 academic year. To qualify, you must be a permanent resident of Pennsylvania, demonstrate financial need and have a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file, and not already be a recipient of a PHEAA state grant. Graduates, undergraduates, and associate degree students are eligible. Nursing students are not eligible. Applications must be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15.

The Lois Borland Fulmer Scholarship for Returning Adult Students Committee is accepting applications for the 2008-09 academic year. Applicants must be full or part time undergraduate students (or post-baccalaureate students pursuing teacher certification) with a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.00. Applications, letters of recommendation, and personal statements should be received by Mary Jo Phillips, Office of Financial Aid, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 814-393-2315.

E-MAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! vvoice@clarion.edu

Keeping Us Legal

The *Venango Voice* is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA. 16301. Articles in the *Venango Voice* reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA. 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 40, ISSUE 8

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008

Faculty present at conference

Dr. Kathleen T. Patterson, director of Clarion University's School of Nursing and Allied Health located at the Venango Campus, and professor Renee Bloom, chair of the Department of Allied Health, presented at the Pennsylvania Center of Health Careers Conference in Camp Hill, Pa., on March 27.

Their presentation focused on the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences degree program, in which students complete 60 credits of science and general education at the Venango or Clarion campuses before progressing to a 24-month clinical education program at one of six clinical partner sites. These sites are UPMC Northwest

Kathleen Patterson (l) and Renee Bloom (r) gave a presentation.



in Seneca, UPMC Horizon in Greenville, UPMC Presbyterian in Pittsburgh, Armstrong Center for Medicine and Health in Kittanning, Sharon Regional Health System in Sharon, Clearfield Hospital in Clearfield, and Christ Hospital in Jersey City, NJ.

Entitled "Maximizing Student Outcomes: Creating a Continuous Quality Improvement Process Between University and Health Care Partners," their

presentation detailed an initiative developed in collaboration with colleagues at UPMC Northwest to support students who are in the clinical education component of the program. The template created by the university and hospital employs an interdisciplinary advising model that utilizes the diverse resources of both the university and hospital to improve quality and maximize student potential.

Meg Allison is slated to perform

Meg Allison will appear at Clarion University-Venango Campus on Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m. The performance will be held in the fourth-floor lounge of Montgomery Hall and is free and open to the public.

Allison is a talented young pop/rock singer/songwriter from Chicago, whose work has been influ-

enced by such acoustic folk artists as the Indigo Girls and Patty Griffin. Her first CD was entitled *Just Getting My Feet Wet*. She co-produced her second release, *I'm With You*, with Joshua Stevens, infusing a country flavor to her Midwest sound.

Allison has performed at four National Association for Campus Activities

(NACA) conferences, booking more than 100 college shows in 2007. Chosen from more than 20,000 applicants to appear as one of 10 finalists on USA network's "Nashville Star," she made Chicago proud, advancing to the final six. Her experience on "Nashville Star" has given her exposure to new fans nationwide.

ATTENTION STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF:

- *The Adult Learners' Organization will hold a Spring Luau/Pig Roast on Saturday, April 19, from 4 p.m.-7 p.m., at Montgomery Hall.*

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

VENANGO FACULTY	1
MEG ALLISON	1
TRASH TALK	2
EVENTS	2-8
LIBRARY NEWS	3
LUMBER TRAINING	4
OIL CREEK NEWS	5
STATE, NATIONAL, WORLD NEWS	6
ODD NEWS	7

Think again when using that tissue paper



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

Consumers can make a significant difference to the environment in choosing tissue products: toilet paper, facial tissues, napkins and paper towels. On average, each person in North America uses 50 pounds of tissue products per year. The majority of the use is toilet paper. Not much we can do about that is there? Maybe there is. We can join a lot of other people, like Will Smith and most of Japan, and eliminate

using toilet paper. No, I'm not talking a nasty surprise for whoever is doing the laundry, but installing toilets that shoot water at your back side to clean it, followed by a blast of air to dry. You'll save about 34 pounds of toilet paper per person every year, which translates to about \$100 savings for a family of four in a year, plus a royal treatment for your backside.

The most heavily marketed brands, such as Kleenex, Charmin, and Bounty, use virgin fibers and harmful bleaching processes to make their products. Most of the products are made with wood chips and sawdust from the timber industry. The chlorine used to bleach paper products to make them brighter and whiter end up in the air and water, and is highly toxic to people and fish.

What can we do to make a difference? Whenever possible, avoid using disposable paper products.

* Use a washcloth or sponge instead of paper towels. If every household used three less rolls per year, we would save 120,000 tons of waste and \$4.1 million in landfill dumping fees!

* Cloth napkins are better than disposable by far, and let's face it: using a cloth napkin can make even hot dogs and mac-n-cheese feel a bit more special.

When we have to use disposable products, make smart choices.

* Buy paper products with recycled content, especially post-consumer fibers.

* Buy paper products made with clean, safe processes. Look for TCF (totally chlorine free) or PCF (processed chlorine free).

Great brands to look for are Seventh Generation, Green Forest, and Marcal.

How much of a difference can buying recycled make? If every household in the United States replaces one box of virgin fiber facial

tissues with 100 percent recycled materials, we could save 163,000 trees. If we replace one roll of toilet paper, it could save 423,900 trees. Paper towels? Replacing one roll saves 544,000 trees, and replacing just one package of napkins saves one million trees.

Paper giant Kimberly-Clark, which makes Kleenex, says, "The options are out there for consumers. They have voiced their preferences through their purchases." We, the consumer, can show the corporations that we want products that are better for the environment by making changes in the products we use. Remember, small changes can bring big results!

Reference material was found at: www.nrdc.org, www.conservatree.com, www.msncb.com, www.coloradotrees.org, The Green Book.

ALO will hold a Spring Luau and Pig Roast

APRIL

The Adult Learners' Organization will hold a Spring Luau/Pig Roast and Membership Drive for students and their families on Saturday, April 19, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., at the Montgomery Hall lower parking lot. The event is free to students and their families. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

After the event, everyone is invited to attend the viewing of *Waterhorse*, which will be shown at 7:30 p.m., at the Latonia in Oil City.

Sign up sheets for the Spring Luau/Pig Roast and Membership

Drive are available throughout Venango Campus.

For more information, e-mail Traci at s_tklarasins@clarion.edu.

...

The next Community Playhouse production is *Proof*, which will be held April 18, 19, 24, and 25, at 8 p.m. each night, at Rhoades Auditorium at Venango Campus.

The production may contain some adult language and content. Tickets are \$10.

For more information, contact Community Playhouse at 814-677-7469.

...

Rabbi Marvin Tokayer, the world's foremost expert on Jews in the Far East, will be the keynote speaker for Clarion University's Holocaust Remembrance observance on Monday, April 14. Tokayer will speak at 7:30 p.m., in Hart Chapel. The lecture is free and open to the public and will include the annual Reading of the Names ceremony to begin at 8 p.m. in Carlson Library.

...

P.J. Hilbert will be the initial speaker in the inaugural College of

See EVENTS page 3

Library offers research tips for students, faculty

Suhr Library staff would like to offer students some helpful information.

Just in time for final research papers, there are some new databases available to faculty and students. The JSTOR Life Sciences Collection (<http://www.jstor.org/search>) contains 160 journal titles spanning topics in the biological, health and general sciences. The collection contains the full text, in electronic form, of these titles from their inception to a moving wall of generally 3-5 years ago. This collection is a combination of the two JSTOR collections previously known as the Biological Sciences and Health and General Sciences Collections.

Students and faculty also have access to four other JSTOR collections: Arts and Sciences I and II, Business, and Language and Literature. Acquisition of this collection was made possible through the generosity

of the outgoing Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Chancellor, Dr. Judy G. Hample.

Another new database is CHEMnetBASE. Chemistry students and faculty, CHEMnetBASE is an outstanding resource just for you. It (<http://www.chemnetbase.com/>) offers a number of basic reference works in electronic full-text form, such as The Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, Combined Chemical Dictionary, Polymers: A Property Database, Properties of Organic Compounds, Dictionary of Marine Natural Products, Dictionary of Food Compounds, Dictionary of Carbohydrates, and CRC Press Periodic Table Online.

In addition, you also have access to CHEMLIBnetBASE: Chemistry References Online (<http://www.chemlibnetbase.com/>), which includes 330 full-text book titles covering the full range of chemistry sub-disciplines.

GreenFILE is the final new database. EBSCO GreenFILE offers well-researched

information covering all aspects of human impact to the environment. Its collection of scholarly, government and general-interest titles include content on the environmental effects of individuals, corporations and local/national governments, and what can be done at each level to minimize the effects. Multidisciplinary by nature, GreenFILE draws on the connections between the environment and a variety of disciplines such as agriculture, education, law, health and technology.

Topics covered include global climate change, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling and more.

The database provides indexing and abstracts for approximately 295,000 records, as well as Open Access full text for more than 4,600 records.

EVENTS: *Waterhorse* will be shown at Latonia

Continued from page 2

Business Administration Reed Lecture Series, April 22, at 3:30 p.m., in Carter Auditorium, Still Hall, Clarion University. Her presentation, "Managing in a Time of Crisis: Personal Leadership Lessons Learned in the Aftermath of 9/11," is free and open to the public.

...

The PHEAA state grant deadline to complete the 2008-09 FAFSA is Thursday, May 1.

With completed federal taxes, students can complete a FAFSA form at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

...

The Interdenominational Christian Fellowship group meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month, from 12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m., at 105 Frame Hall.

The group is open to anyone and is non-denominational. Visitors are invited to talk about God, faith, and the search for meaning, and are invited to bring a lunch.

...

The Clarion University-Venango Campus Independent Film Series is free and open to the public. The series features films from independent filmmakers from China, the United States, Iran, Japan, the United Kingdom, Colombia, and India. All films will be shown on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium, except for "Waterhorse", which will be shown at the Latonia in Oil City.

Films scheduled for the Spring 2008 semester include *Juno*, April 12; *Waterhorse*, April 19; and *Maria Full of Grace*, April 26.

For more information about the film series, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

Governor Rendell's Policy Office is seeking up to five students with an interest in public service and government for 2008 summer internships.

Interested students should e-mail their resume along with a cover letter to Patricia Grim at pggrim@state.pa.us. The student should indicate the policy area they would like to be considered for which. Policy areas include: education; health care reform; economic development and workforce; criminal justice; and environmental issues, land use, and infrastructure.

For more information, call Patricia Grim at 717-772-9068.

...

A Baby Item Drive will be held

See EVENTS page 4

Venango to offer lumber inspection training

For the first time in its 60-year history of educating lumber inspectors throughout the world, the National Hardwood Lumber Association (NHLA), headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., will offer the NHLA Lumber Inspection Training School off-site, thanks to the success of its five-year partnership with Clarion University-Venango Campus. Clarion University is the only university in the country to offer college credit for the NHLA program, awarding credits toward an associate degree

through the university's Department of Applied Technology.

In cooperation with Clarion University-Venango Campus, Keystone Community Education Council (KCEC), and the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG), NHLA will offer the Lumber Inspection Training School at the Venango Technology Center in Oil City this summer from June 2 through August 8.

Students who wish to earn Clarion University's Associate of Applied Sci-

ence in Industrial Technology degree will be able to transfer as many as 22 credits toward the 60 credits required for the associate degree by successfully completing the NHLA Lumber Inspection Training School curriculum. The balance of the coursework consists of general education and business courses that can be completed at the Venango Campus and/or online.

To register for the NHLA Lumber Inspection Training School, contact Keystone Community Education Council at 814-677-4427.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for those interested in a career in hardwood lumber inspection," said Dr. Christopher Reber, executive dean of Venango Campus. "Since more than 100 of the 1,600 worldwide members of NHLA are located in the region served by Clarion University-Venango Campus, offering a program that prepares hardwood lumber inspectors to move into management and ownership positions supports the campus' mission to contribute to the area's workforce development."

EVENTS: Praxis I Prep. in mathematics slated

Continued from page 3

through Friday, April 18, to benefit pregnant and parenting students of Clarion University. Clothing, infant formula, non-perishable food items, toys and other baby-related items are welcome.

Donations can be made through Thomas Rourke, 305 Founders Hall, ext. 2369; or the Women's Studies Program, 207 Harvey Hall, ext. 2720.

...

The Praxis I Preparation in mathematics will be held Thursday, April 17, from 7 p.m.—8 p.m. for \$20.

For more information, call the Continuing Education office at 814-676-6591, ext. 1273, or visit 215 Frame Hall.

...

Storyteller and performer Meg Allison will perform on Friday, April

18, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge. The event is sponsored by the Venango Campus Activities Board and is part of the Coffee House Series.

Allison is an emerging acoustic artist who writes her own melodies and lyrics. She appeared as a finalist on USA Network's *Nashville Star*.

...

VizArtz will hold its Open Studio Night Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m., through Saturday, April 19, at 7 a.m., in Marwick-Boyd. The event is open to all students. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Michelle Peters at s_mlpeters@clarion.edu.

...

Two financial aid opportunities for returning adult students (24 years of age or older) are available.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) has funded Clarion University to award several

Workforce Advancement Grants for Education (WAGE) for the 2007-2008 academic year. To qualify, you must be a permanent resident of Pennsylvania, demonstrate financial need and have a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file, and not already be a recipient of a PHEAA state grant. Graduates, undergraduates, and associate degree students are eligible. Nursing students are not eligible. Applications must be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15.

The Lois Borland Fulmer Scholarship for Returning Adult Students Committee is accepting applications for the 2008-09 academic year. Applicants must be full- or part-time undergraduate students (or post-

See EVENTS page 5

Oil Creek State Park will hold these events

Oil Creek State Park will feature a Bluebird Chat on Friday, April 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Petroleum Centre Amphitheater.

Local bluebird authority Toni Piccolin will discuss how and where to place boxes, how to monitor your bluebird boxes, what to look for when insects and predation hit, and legal and

illegal activities. After his discussion, he will hold a question and answer session. Everyone will receive a free bluebird box for attending the program. Hand-outs and information will also be available.

The Great PA Clean-up will be held at Oil Creek State Park on Sunday, April 20, from 2 p.m.— 4 p.m. Volunteers should meet at Petroleum Centre Amphitheater.

The event will begin with a half-hour program entitled *Lessons in Litter*. Volunteers will learn how litter affects wildlife and the environment. After the program, volunteers will break into groups to pick up litter along the state park roads. Scouts are welcome. Call 814-677-8076 to register.

EVENTS: Pregnancy, parenting forum to be held

Continued from page 4

baccalaureate students pursuing teacher certification) with a cumulative average (QPA) of at least a 3.00. Applications, letters of recommendation, and personal statements should be received by Mary Jo Phillips, Office of Financial Aid, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15.

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid, 104 Egbert Hall, or call at 814-393-2315.

The Clarion University Pregnancy and Parenting Resources Forum will be held Wednesday, April 16, from 2 p.m.— 5 p.m., in Level A, Carlson Library. The forum will assemble all of the major university offices that deal with students, and work out a coordinated program of services to aid pregnant and parenting students.

The forum is open to all students, faculty and staff, and is free of charge. Refreshments will be served. Babysitting for parenting students will be available.

The Career Services Center is in need of volunteer student ambassadors to assist with the 2008 Education Job Fair on Wednesday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in Tippin Gymnasium. Volunteers are needed to help with setup and various other tasks on the day of the event.

For more information, e-mail Kayla at careers@clarion.edu as soon as possible. Include name, e-mail address, phone number, and hours available to volunteer in the e-mail.

Lil Sibs Weekend will be held at Clarion University main campus Friday, April 18 through Sunday, April 20. The event is free and open to all Clarion University students and their guests – brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, sons, and daughters.

Friday will feature a pizza and pajama party at 7 p.m., in 250/252 Gemmell. The film *The Water Horse* will be shown.

On Saturday, there will be several activities, including an inflatable Velcro wall, Spin Art Frisbees, limbo contests, dog tag making, face painters and more, held from noon to 4 p.m. outside Gemmell. *The Water Horse* will be shown at 2

p.m. and 7 p.m. in 250/252 Gemmell.

Spray-paint tattoos will be available from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Gemmell Rotunda.

The rain location for Lil Sibs activities is Tippin Gymnasium.

The Clarion University Graduate Council and the Office of Research and Graduate Studies have announced the call for proposals for the seventh annual Clarion University Graduate Student Research and Professional Activities Conference, “Crossing Disciplines and Establishing New Frontiers.” The conference will be held on Sunday, April 20, from 2 p.m.— 5 p.m., on Level A, Carlson Library. The conference is part of the larger Academic Excellence Series hosted by Clarion University.

Submissions are invited from any current or continuing graduate student as well as December 2007 graduates of any Clarion University graduate program. The deadline for abstracts is Friday, April 11, at 4 p.m.

See EVENTS page 8

State

Republicans call for voters

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Pennsylvania Republicans on Wednesday outlined a strategy to reverse the tide of voters abandoning their ranks in favor of the Democrats.

Party leaders said they will kick off a statewide voter registration drive on primary day — April 22 — in a year that the intensely competitive race for the Democratic presidential nomination has prompted many Republicans to switch parties.

Republicans will be coordinating a grass-roots voter sign-up effort with county chairmen and have been negotiating with a firm that would pursue cases of fraudulent Democratic registrations. The state GOP will be providing lists of party-switchers for volunteers to contact, and officials said they expect to bring two out of five defectors back into the Republican fold.

"We do want them back," said John McNally, who is in charge of the initiative for the Republican State Committee. "I want to assure every Republican that our party plans to address this issue."

As of Sunday, Democratic registration stood at 4.2 million, up nearly 8 percent since the November election. The state had 3.2 million registered Republicans, a drop of nearly 2 percent from the fall. Voters not affiliated with either major party numbered 943,000, a reduction of just over 4 percent.

Republicans said most of their decline consists of people switching to vote in the Democratic primary against Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., or Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., rather than for one of them.

Arizona Sen. John McCain is the presumptive Republican nominee.

Copyright 2008 The Associated Press.

World

Father gives up on Diana case

LONDON (AP) - Mohamed Al Fayed said Tuesday that he was abandoning a quest to prove his belief that Princess Diana and his son were killed by British secret agents.

Al Fayed said he reluctantly accepted a coroner's jury ruling that Diana and Dodi Fayed were unlawfully killed due to reckless speed and drinking by their driver, and by the reckless pursuit of the paparazzi chasing them.

"Enough is enough," Fayed said in an interview with ITV News broadcast Tuesday night. "For the sake of the two princes, who I know loved their mother."

Al Fayed, the Harrods department store owner, said he still believed the couple was murdered and that the evidence presented at the inquest supported his theory.

"I'm a father who has lost his son and I've done everything for 10 years. But now with the verdict I accept it, but with reservations," he said.

"But I have (had) enough. I'm leaving the rest for God to

get my revenge," Al Fayed said. "I'm not doing anything any more ... this is the end."

The coroner, Lord Justice Scott Baker, had told the jury that Al Fayed and his legal team had not produced any evidence that the Secret Intelligence Service, known as MI6, was involved in the fatal car crash in Paris on Aug. 31, 1997.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown backed the princess as well. "I think the princess, William and Harry, have spoken for the whole country when they say this is time to bring this to an end," Brown said Tuesday.

Al Fayed had claimed that MI6 agents were taking orders from Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth II.

When he testified under oath, Al Fayed said he would accept the jury's verdict.

Copyright 2008 The Associated Press.

National

Olympic torch journey causes security stir in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Security was being tightened around the city Wednesday as officials mobilized for protests in response to the Olympic torch's only North American stop on its journey to Beijing. Before dawn, supporters of China's role as host of the games gathered on the city's waterfront.

The Olympic torch's 85,000-mile global journey is the longest in Olympic history, and is meant to build excitement for the games. But it has also been a target for activists angered over China's human rights record.

As runners carry the torch on its six-mile route Wednesday, they will compete not only with people protesting China's grip on Tibet and its support for the governments of Myanmar and Sudan, but also with more obscure activists. They include nudists calling for a return to the way the ancient Greek games were played.

Law enforcement agencies erected metal barricades Wednesday morning and readied running shoes, bicycles and motorcycles for officers preparing to shadow the runners cho-

sen for the relay.

Local officials say they support the diversity of viewpoints, but have ramped up security following chaotic protests during the torch's stops in London and Paris and a demonstration Monday in which activists hung banners from the Golden Gate bridge.

The torch is scheduled to travel a route hugging San Francisco Bay, but security concerns could prompt a last-minute change.

Copyright 2008 The Associated Press.

Mansion was ornately furnished throughout

Editor's Note: This article is part three in a series about the River Ridge Farm.

Even though local men worked to build the roads and bridges on the property, Sibley wanted seasoned stone masons to build his home. For this massive project, he brought in 75 Italian stonemasons who started work on the mansion around May 1913.

The project could never be accomplished today in the short period these workers completed it. Sibley moved into the house on October 22, 1913, though the complete interior wasn't finished until November 30, 1913. All in all, it took only about seven months from start date to finish date. As you drive by and see how impressive the place is, it seems pretty amazing that this was accomplished in such a short period of time.

While work on the house was underway, Sibley met the woman who would soon become his second wife, and she would be the one to add character in the 33 rooms and 27 baths that would fill the house. The house was built with three wings that were separate but still connected

and two towers on either end. Each wing had its own living room and the main wing consisted of a living room, library, banquet hall, and kitchen, with seven rooms near the kitchen for servants and three full-time cooks.

There were 15 stone and brick fireplaces, with the largest being 12 feet long by 10 feet high and made of imported marble inlaid with silver and gold ore. The smaller fireplaces were considered somewhat plain because they were only inlaid with bronze and onyx.

No expense was spared on the interior. The front breakfast room had a sunken garden with a four-foot marble statute of cupid that spouted water continuously from its arrow. The main living room had a 24-foot coconut palm tree, and papaya and orange trees. There were paintings by Lucien W. Powell, hand-crafted English and French furniture, and Italian, Chinese, and Japanese carvings. There were also sculptures of wood, metal, jade, marble, and porcelain, Chinese and oriental carpets, and Persian rugs.

The library was filled with rare first-edition books in English, French,

Latin, and German, marble statues from Italy and Greece, and American Indian and Alaska Eskimo wood and bone carvings. Some people may have considered Sibley a bit eccentric; he even had an African lion carved from a solid 11 ounce diamond. It would be hard to fathom the amount of money that was spent just furnishing the place; and this was just the beginning. That was not to mention the seven baby grand pianos that were arranged throughout the mansion or the furnishings that were bought and imported in order to finish off the bedrooms. I will get into that in the next part, and I'll also tell you about the many other buildings that were built on the property and the purpose for

**ODD
NEWS
IN
HISTORY**
With
Frank Rodgers

Venango Voice

226 Montgomery Hall

Clarion University - Venango Campus
Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, ext. 1289 E-mail: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber
Staff
Jon Cook
Frank Rodgers

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Christine Rodgers
Lori Secor

Policies

The *Venango Voice* is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania-Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The *Voice* is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the Executive Board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the *Voice* staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Don't see what you're looking for?

LET US KNOW!

Send your ideas for the

Venango Voice to:

vvoice@clarion.edu

EVENTS: Clarion UAB is holding photo contest

Continued from page 5

Visit www.clarion.edu/gsrc for more information.

University Activities Board will hold a photo contest open to all students. Winners will have their picture made into a poster and hung in the Gemmell Student Center for the following academic year.

Categories include: Greek life, campus/residence life, athletics, UAB event, Clarion County Nature, Autumn Leaf Festival, CampusFest, and open pictures.

Pictures must be submitted to the UAB office (249 Gemmell) by Thursday, April 24, at 4 p.m. Photos should be printed from a professional developer (CVS, Wal-Mart, etc.). Computer print-outs will not be accepted. Pictures cannot contain any alcohol or illegal substances and cannot have any other university's logo in it.

For more information, contact Kristi McManus at s_klmcmamus@clarion.edu.

Special Olympics is

looking for volunteers to assist in many ways at the Sunday, April 27 event. Volunteers are needed to help athletes one-on-one, assist with food preparation, assist in Olympic Village, and more.

For more information and registration forms, contact Erica at clarionsopa2008@yahoo.com.

The Writing Center at Clarion University has a graduate assistantship opening for a writing consultant.

Prior writing center experience is not required; all individuals receive training for the position.

Graduate assistants who work 17 hours per week will receive full tuition remission plus a stipend for the year. Graduate assistants who work 8.5 hours per week will receive half-tuition remission plus a stipend for the year.

Interested individuals should be strong writers who are responsible, flexible, dependable, curious, polite, compassionate, professional, open to learning how to work with writers, and a native speaker of English (or have training/experience in teaching English).

To apply, complete and submit an application form; submit a letter addressing prior experience, graduate experience, and long-term goals; and submit a current resume to: Dr. Kathleen Welsch, Writing Center Director, English Department, Davis Hall. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 23.

MAY

Clarion University's Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils have joined forces with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant the wish of a local three-year-old girl. A 5-K race will be held on Sunday, May 4, and will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For more information and the registration form, visit www.clarion.edu/student/ocl/greeklife/5k.htm.

The University Book Center at Clarion University is having a sale on music CDs through May 10. Take 20 percent off all in stock music CDs.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Study Abroad Club at Clarion University is de-

signed to bring students who have studied abroad together to share experiences. Anyone who is interested in traveling abroad is also welcome to learn more about traveling.

To join the Study Abroad Club, contact Tia Younginger at s_tlyounging@clarion.edu, Sara Hines at s_sghines@clarion.edu, or Cait Tomeo at s_cm_tomeo@clarion.edu.

The Pregnancy and Parenting Recourses Initiative (PPRI), composed of faculty, staff and students, is working to better serve Clarion University parents striving to attain a higher education.

Anyone interested in participating should e-mail Bonita Mullen at s_bcmullen@clarion.edu or call the Women's Studies office at 814-393-2720.

The Oil City YMCA is available for the use of Venango Campus students who have paid an activity fee.

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The *Venango Voice* is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the *Venango Voice* reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 40, ISSUE 9

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

Venango professor's article was published in medical journal

By Kerri Smayda

Dr. Ellen Foster, assistant professor of English at Clarion University – Venango Campus, first presented her article, “A Rigorous Mind Meets Her Yielding Body: Intellectual Life and Meaning Making in Wit”, at a medical humanities conference at Bucknell University in October 2006.

The article is about the cancer-patient play and movie “Wit”, and “examines the intellectual, professional and personal decisions doctors and patients make as they come to terms with a terminal illness,” as reported by *The ROCK*, Slippery Rock University’s magazine. Foster received her master of arts

degree in English at SRU.

Foster said her article was well received, and that she was encouraged to publish it, specifically in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. The journal has a rather low acceptance rate, Foster pointed out, but a very high impact factor. Her manuscript was accepted, though, and published early in September 2007. She also was invited to give a podcast on the article with one of the *Annals*’ editors (You can find it online at www.annals.org. Follow the audio/video link.).

To her delight, the publication of the article brought about recognition from two physicians, one who invited her to “co-establish a discussion group

on the importance of medicine as an intellectual and human experience,” said Foster. “Most important, to me, at least...” Foster added, “Margaret Edson, the author of “Wit”, wrote me a personal note, telling me that my article brought her new insight into her work – that the intellectual really is an important part of professor Bearing’s experience in approaching her own mortality. That was, as you might imagine, a pretty cool piece of mail.”

Dr. Ellen Foster serves as co-chair on the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women at Clarion University and also as a member of the faculty senate, where she is a member of the Venango Campus committee.

Luau, pig roast to highlight ALO event

APRIL

The Adult Learners’ Organization will hold a Spring Luau/Pig Roast and Membership Drive for students and their families on Saturday, April 19, from 4-7 p.m., at the Montgomery

Hall lower parking lot. The event is free to students and their families. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

After the event, everyone is invited to attend the viewing of “Waterhorse”,

which will be shown at 7:30 p.m., at the Latonia in Oil City.

Sign up sheets for the Spring Luau/Pig Roast and Membership Drive are

See EVENTS page 2

ATTENTION STUDENTS, FAC- ULTY, AND STAFF:

- *The Community Playhouse production of “Proof” will be held at Rhoades Auditorium April 18, 19, 24, and April 25, at 8 p.m. each night.*

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

PROFESSOR PUBLISHED	1
EVENTS	1 - 6
TRASH TALK	2
EARTH DAY THANKS	3
STATE, NATIONAL, WORLD NEWS	4
TRIVIA	5
PTK NEWS	5

Be earth-friendly when caring for your lawn



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

Spring is upon us. Soon we will be planting flowers, treating and watering our lawns, and starting gardens. How do we get those beautiful, lush, green lawns? Well, if you are like millions of other Americans, you'll run to the nearest garden section and buy weed and feed or a quick-release fertilizer. Do you really know what is going on behind the scenes? Almost all of the active ingre-

dients are made from petroleum, which doesn't exactly process cleanly, and, of course, increases our dependency on fossil fuels. We use A LOT of them too. Every year, Americans use 1 billion pounds of these active ingredients. But, what happens when you put it on your lawn?

To begin with, pesticides and herbicides aren't exactly healthy for your lawn. That was a surprising bit of information. It's a typical unending cycle — increased use of pesticides can seriously harm the soil health and actually increases lawn disease, which makes it really difficult to get a green lawn without the use of more chemicals.

Let's talk chemicals. The active ingredients used in most lawn care products are suspected carcinogens. They irritate the skin and eyes, and may affect the nervous system, hormones, and endocrine systems. Children are especially sen-

sitive to toxins such as these, and are more likely to be exposed. And think, we walk through our yards and track these chemicals into our homes, so even the little ones are getting further exposure while crawling around on the carpet.

Our exposure to these chemicals is beyond spending time in the yard. Pesticides travel through the storm drains and end up in our water supply. We are also exposed in food, dust, and the air. Once the chemicals hit the lakes, streams, and reservoir, those ecosystems are also affected. These chemicals increase algae growth and reduce oxygen levels, killing fish and other important organisms in the water.

What can we do to get that pretty yard without using all those chemicals? Use compost — it will fertilize your lawn naturally. Aerate the top 3 — 4 inches of soil when you see water standing that isn't being absorbed

into the ground. Mow when the grass is two or three inches high and leave the clippings on the ground. The higher the grass, the deeper the root systems. That means the grass can better withstand drought, pests, heat, and disease. If you have to water the grass, do it early in the morning.

Don't worry about a few weeds. Seriously, they aren't hurting a thing. If there are lots of weeds, try an organic vinegar-based herbicide, available at most lawn and garden centers. Agway in Oil City also carries a line of products by Espoma, a company that makes organic lawn care products. Remember, small changes can bring big results!

Reference materials for this article can be found at: www.govlink.org, www.epa.gov, www.madehow.com, www.deliciousorganics.com.

EVENTS: "Proof" will be held at Rhoades Auditorium

Continued from page 1

available throughout Venango Campus.

For more information, e-mail Traci at s_tlkar@clarion.edu.

The next Community Playhouse production is "Proof", which will be held April 18, 19, 24, and 25, at 8 p.m. each night, at Rhoades Auditorium at Venango

Campus.

The production may contain some adult language and content. Tickets are \$10.

For more information, contact Community Playhouse at 814-677-7469.

The Men's Volleyball Club at Clarion University will host open practices for all men interested in playing competitive volleyball for the Fall 2008 — Spring 2009 semesters.

Practices will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, and at 7 p.m. on April 23 and April 30. All practices will be held at the Clarion University Recreation Center.

For more information, contact Chuck Shoemaker at cupmensvball@clarion.edu.

Lift Every Voice Gospel Family will host their annual Spring Gospel on

Sunday, April 20, at 5 p.m., at Gemmell Multipurpose Room. The concert is free and open to the public.

There will be guest choirs, including Youngstown State University's Gospel Choir and California University of Pennsylvania's Gospel Choir, mime teams, and special

See EVENTS page 3

Thanks, congrats to participants of Earth Day

By Lori Secor

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the Earth Day activities at Clarion University—Venango Campus on Thursday, April 10.

Thank you to everyone who donated their old cell

phones! You helped us collect more than 50 cell phones, e-waste that will now be disposed of responsibly.

Congratulations to the following winners, who submitted their names in a drawing after turning in their old phones. Each received a \$50 Sheetz gift card. The winners

are: Shannon Shuffstall, Nichole DeWoody, Patty Shontz, and Angie Harriett.

Just a reminder, the donation box to dispose of old cell phones will remain in the bookstore. Please bring in any unused cell phones and batteries you have.

Thank you!

EVENTS: FAFSA state grant deadline is nearing

Continued from page 2

guests from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and North Carolina.

PJ Hilbert will be the initial speaker in the inaugural College of Business Administration Reed Lecture Series, April 22, at 3:30 p.m., in Carter Auditorium, Still Hall, Clarion University. Her presentation, "Managing in a Time of Crisis: Personal Leadership Lessons Learned in the Aftermath of 9/11," is free and open to the public.

The PHEAA state grant deadline to complete the 2008-09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid is Thursday, May 1.

With completed federal taxes, students can complete a FAFSA form at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The Interdenominational Christian Fellowship group meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., at 105 Frame Hall.

The group is open to anyone and is non-denominational. Visitors

are invited to talk about God, faith, and the search for meaning, as well as invited to bring a lunch.

The Clarion University-Venango Campus Independent Film Series is free and open to the public. The series features films from independent filmmakers from China, the United States, Iran, Japan, the United Kingdom, Colombia, and India. All films will be shown on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium, except for "Waterhorse", which will be shown at the Latonia in Oil City.

Films scheduled for the Spring 2008 semester include "Waterhorse", April 19; and "Maria Full of Grace", April 26.

For more information about the film series, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

Governor Rendell's policy office is seeking up to five students with an interest in public service and government for 2008 summer internships.

Interested students should e-mail their resume along with a cover letter to Patricia Grim at pgrim@state.pa.us. The student should indicate which policy area they would like to be considered

for. Policy areas include: education; health care reform; economic development and workforce; criminal justice; and environmental issues, land use, and infrastructure.

For more information, call Patricia Grim at 717-772-9068.

Storyteller and performer Meg Allison will perform on Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge. The event is sponsored by the Venango Campus Activities Board and is part of the Coffee House Series.

Allison is an emerging acoustic artist who writes her own melodies and lyrics. She appeared as a finalist on USA Network's "Nashville Star".

VizArtz will hold its Open Studio Night Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m., through Saturday, April 19, at 7 a.m., in Marwick-Boyd. The event is open to all students. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Michelle Peters at s_mlpeters@clarion.edu.

See EVENTS page 6

State

Clinton visits university, scheduled for more stops in PA

INDIANA, Pa. (AP) - Former President Bill Clinton says his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, will be the best president for small towns like Indiana, where he was greeted by hundreds of residents and university students.

Organizers of Wednesday's event at Indiana University of Pennsylvania hung a large yellow sign saying "Rural Country, Clinton Country," an apparent reference to Sen. Barack Obama's recent comments that small town folks are bitter because of job

losses.

Clinton immediately pointed to the sign and thanked the audience. He says his wife's campaign has focused on small towns and rural areas because that is America.

President Clinton is

scheduled to move on to appearances in Kittanning, Clarion, New Castle and Cranberry Township in Butler County on Wednesday.

Copyright 2008 The Associated Press.

National

Anniversary of VA Tech massacre brings remembrance

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) - A sea of people wearing orange and maroon flowed onto the main lawn at Virginia Tech on Wednesday, some clutching single roses, to remember the victims of worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

They gathered on the same field where a white

candle lit at midnight began a day of mourning for the 32 people killed a year ago by a student gunman who killed himself as police closed in.

While this close-knit campus of 27,000 has worked hard to move on, the anniversary of the killings has left many struggling to cope. And it is a great relief to us.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine ordered state flags flown at half-staff, and a statewide moment of silence at noon followed by the tolling of bells. A candlelight vigil was set for the evening.

Commemorations of those who were killed started Tuesday. A small bouquet of white carnations lay outside Norris Hall, where gunman Seung-

Hui Cho and 30 others died.

Other mementoes appeared at the ring of 32 memorial stones placed months ago on the main lawn.

No public memorials were planned for Cho.

Copyright 2008 The Associated Press.

World

Associated Press photographer released by U.S. military

BAGHDAD (AP) _ The U.S. military released Associated Press photographer Bilal Hussein on Wednesday after holding him for more than two years without filing formal charges.

Hussein, 36, was handed over to AP colleagues at a checkpoint in Baghdad. He was taken to the site aboard a prisoner bus and left U.S. custody

wearing a traditional Iraqi robe. He was smiling and appeared in good health.

AP President Tom Curley said Hussein "is safely back with AP and his family, and it is a great relief to us."

The U.S. military had accused Hussein of links to insurgents, but did not file specific charges. In December, military authorities brought Hussein's case into the Iraqi court system for

possible trial.

But an Iraqi judicial panel this month dismissed all proceedings against Hussein and ordered his release. A U.S. military statement on Monday said Hussein is no longer considered a threat.

Hussein and the AP denied any improper contacts, saying Hussein was doing the normal work of a photographer in a war zone. He was detained by U.S. Marines on

April 12, 2006 in Ramadi, about 70 miles west of Baghdad.

Hussein was a member of the AP team that won a Pulitzer Prize for photography in 2005, and his detention drew protests from rights groups and press freedom advocates.

Copyright 2008 The Associated Press.

Test your trivia wisdom with these facts

Test your trivia knowledge with these tidbits.

In the 1400s, a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb, hence, we have "the rule of thumb."

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen only... Ladies Forbidden", and thus the word 'golf' entered into the English language.

Every day, more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally

green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28 percent (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38 percent.

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of 11 years: \$16,400.

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades – King David; Hearts – Charlemagne; Clubs – Alexander the Great; and Diamonds – Julius Caesar.

$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$

Q: Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? A: Their birthplace

Q: Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat requested? A: Ob-session

Q: What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A: The only food that doesn't spoil is honey.

PTK is collecting canned goods and children's books

Project Graduation was adopted as a civic engagement initiative in 2002 by Phi Theta Kappa. Nearly 440,000 food items and 355,000 books have been collected and donated to organizations that create opportunities for many individuals in their communities.

April 21 through May 10, Alpha Delta Kappa, Clarion University-Venango Campus local chapter, will be collecting canned goods and children's books.

Canned goods and children's books will be

donated to the PPC Shelter in Oil City.

Bins are available in Montgomery Hall, Frame Hall and Rhoades Center, and will be available for donations the night of graduation.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will hold its final April meeting on Wednesday, April 23. The meeting will be held at 4 p.m., at the club meeting room.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor the sale of graduation bouquets, which will be available for \$5 at commencement on Saturday,

Venango Voice

226 Montgomery Hall

Clarion University-Venango Campus

Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, ext. 1289 E-mail: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Staff

Jon Cook

Frank Rodgers

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Christine Rodgers

Lori Secor

Policies

The *Venango Voice* is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University-Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The *Voice* is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the executive board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the *Voice* staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

EVENTS: Graduate research conference slated in Clarion

Continued from page 3

Lil Sibs Weekend will be held at Clarion University main campus Friday, April 18 through Sunday, April 20. The event is free and open to all Clarion University students and their guests – brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, sons, and daughters.

Friday will feature a Pizza and Pajama Party at 7 p.m., in 250/252 Gemmell. The film "The Water Horse" will be shown.

On Saturday, there will be several activities, including an inflatable Velero wall, Spin Art Frisbees, limbo contests, dog tag making, face painters and more, held from noon to 4 p.m. outside Gemmell. "The Water Horse" will be shown at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in 250/252 Gemmell.

Spray paint tattoos will be available from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Gemmell Rotunda.

The rain location for Lil Sib activities is Tipping Gymnasium.

...

The Clarion University Graduate Council and the Office of Research and Graduate Studies will hold

the seventh annual Clarion University Graduate Student Research and Professional Activities Conference, "Crossing Disciplines and Establishing New Frontiers." The conference will be held on Sunday, April 20, from 2-5 p.m., on Level A, Carlson Library. The conference is part of the larger Academic Excellence Series hosted by Clarion University.

Visit www.clarion.edu/gsrc for more information.

...

University Activities Board will hold a photo contest open to all students. Winners will have their picture made into a poster and hung in the Gemmell Student Center for the following academic year.

Categories include: Greek life, campus/residence life, athletics, UAB event, Clarion County Nature, Autumn Leaf Festival, CampusFest, and open pictures.

Pictures must be submitted to the UAB office (249 Gemmell) by Thursday, April 24, at 4 p.m. Photos should be printed from a professional developer (CVS, Wal-Mart). Computer print-outs will not be ac-

cepted. Pictures cannot contain any alcohol or illegal substances and cannot have any other university's logo in it.

For more information, contact Kristi McManus at s_klmcmanus@clarion.edu.

...

Special Olympics is looking for volunteers to assist in many ways at the Sunday, April 27 event. Volunteers are needed to help athletes one-on-one, assist with food preparation, assist in Olympic Village, and more.

For more information and registration forms, contact Erica at clarion-sopa2008@yahoo.com.

...

The University Writing Center at Clarion University has a graduate assistantship opening for a writing consultant. Prior writing center experience is not required; all individuals receive training for the position.

Graduate assistants who work 17 hours per week will receive full tuition remission plus a stipend for the year. Graduate assistants who work 8.5 hours per week will receive half tuition remission plus a stipend for the year.

Interested individuals should be strong writers who

are responsible, flexible, dependable, curious, polite, compassionate, professional, open to learning how to work with writers, and a native speaker of English (or have training/experience in teaching English).

To apply, complete and submit an application form; submit a letter addressing prior experience, and graduate experience and long-term goals; and submit a current resume to: Dr. Kathleen Welsch, Writing Center Director, English Department, Davis Hall. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 23.

...

MAY

An Innovative International Scholarship opportunity is available for Clarion University students to study at Daegu University, South Korea. Applications and supporting documents for the Discover Korea Scholarship Program must be turned in to the Office of International Programs by Friday, May 2, at 119 Becht Hall.

For more information, contact Dr. Young-Gyoung Kim at 814-393-2338 or email_ykim@clarion.edu.

E-MAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA. 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA. 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 40, ISSUE 10

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008

Venango Voice calling on students

By Kerri Smayda

At the start of this semester, I promised the students of Venango Campus a "full-on newspaper publication." And though you haven't seen it yet, I will stick to my word.

It has been a challenge - acquiring the licensing for design software, the funding for new equipment, and the staff to support the effort of "a major overhaul" - but I accepted the challenge, and I will come through.

However, I need your help! This is, after all, YOUR paper!

The staff that has already committed their time and talent over the past semester has done an in-

credible job of creating entertaining, informational, and newsworthy articles for all of our enjoyment. I applaud each of them.

In the fall semester and beyond, I welcome your new submissions - poetry, news and feature articles. I invite you to create a column, such as Lori Secor and Frank Rodgers have done.

Have news about your student organization or club on campus? Be a *Voice* liaison to make sure your news is heard!

Next semester we will incorporate areas where students can demonstrate their graphic design, marketing, writing, and photography skills.

You can even obtain

your print co-curricular Mass Media Arts and Journalism requirement at the *Venango Voice*!

Be sure to look for the new *Venango Voice* office in Rhoades Center at the start of the Fall 2008 semester. There is an Open House event tentatively scheduled to take place during the first or second week of class. Stop by to learn more about the *Venango Voice* student newspaper and your opportunities with us!

If you are interested in a position at the *Voice* or have more questions, feel free to contact me, your editor, anytime at vvoice@clarion.edu, s_kasmayda@clarion.edu, or 676-6591, ext. 1289.

ATTENTION
STUDENTS,
FACULTY, AND
STAFF:

The 2008 Spring semester Final Exam Schedule is included in this issue of the Venango Voice.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

VENANGO VOICE	1
EVENTS	1-8
TRASH TALK	2
LIBRARY NEWS	3
PTK, ALO NEWS	4
FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE	5-6
STATE, NATIONAL, WORLD NEWS	7

"Proof" to be shown at Rhoades

APRIL

The next Community Playhouse production is "Proof", which will be held April 25, at 8 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium at Venango Campus.

The production may contain some adult language and content. Tickets are \$10.

For more information, contact Community Playhouse at 814-677-7469.

...

The Men's Volleyball Club at Clarion University will host open practices for all men interested in playing competitive volleyball for the Fall 2008 - Spring 2009 semesters.

Practices will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, and at 7 p.m. on April 30. All practices will be held at the Clarion University Recreation Center.

For more information, contact Chuck Shoemaker at cupmensvball@clarion.edu.

See EVENTS page 2

Plastic bags have harmful effect on environment



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

Plastic bags are durable, cheap and convenient. After toting home groceries and other purchases, we use them in the car, to line our bathroom trashcans, and carry bottles of water and snacks to the park. They can be found carrying extra clothes to send to daycare for our kids, wadded up inside another bag hanging in the pantry, cluttering landfills, clogging roadside drains, floating in the ocean, and in the bellies of sea turtles.

Here are the facts: we use them because they are much cheaper to make compared to paper bags. They use

less energy and water in production. They are also made from crude oil or natural gas. Plastic bags don't biodegrade either, they photo-degrade. They break down into smaller and smaller pieces, releasing toxins into the soil and water, and enter the food chain when ingested by animals. This is a long process in itself: it can take up to 1,000 years for a plastic bag to deteriorate. Hundreds of thousands of sea turtles, whales, and other marine life are killed every year by mistaking floating bags for food.

It is another product proven again and again to be extremely harmful to the environment and still we turn a deaf ear. That isn't the case everywhere. Ireland was the first country to impose a tax on plastic bags. In just weeks, usage dropped 95 percent; the revenue going toward environmental enforcement and clean up efforts. A year later, they weren't outlawed, but they were considered socially unacceptable to use. San Francisco has banned plastic bags, and other U.S. cities

are following suit. Austin, New Haven, and Annapolis to name a few. Other places are jumping on the bandwagon and taking steps to tax or ban the use of plastic bags as well: Germany, Australia, Kenya, Paris, London, Boston, and Portland; the list grows every year. Even China will be imposing a ban beginning in June... but they will still be making them for us. Worldwide, stores like Whole Foods are voluntarily banning plastic bags, offering their customers reusable totes.

Sadly, the United States is years behind the European Union in taking steps to tax or ban the use of plastic bags. This is unfortunate, given the sheer volume of the bags we use: 100 billion every year. That is about 330 every year per person in this country, well over 1,000 for a family of four. Think of it this way: if you reduce the number of bags per week by two, you'd throw away over 100 fewer bags per year. If every household in America did this, all those saved bags tied together would make a rope long enough to circle the globe more than 126 times. Think

of all that crude oil we could save by banning plastic bags; even just the ones from the grocery store.

How do we take some action? If you have a small purchase that is easy to carry, don't take a bag. Use the tote bags for large purchases. The website www.reusablebags.com offers durable bags made from sustainable materials in tons of sizes and styles. Finally, encourage local politicians to introduce legislation taxing or banning the use of plastic bags. I know it is a scary thought to have to pay for a plastic bag; would you be willing? Me neither. Until that day comes, let's do our environment, our children, and ourselves a favor: the next time you go shopping, take your own bags. Remember, small changes bring big results!

Material references for this article were found at: www.worldwatch.org, www.nationalgeographic.com, www.stopglobalwarming.com, www.npr.org, *The Green Book*.

EVENTS: FAFSA state deadline is Thursday, May 1

Continued from page 1

www.fafsa.ed.gov.

...
The PHEAA state grant deadline to complete the 2008-09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid is Thursday, May 1.

With completed federal taxes, students can complete a FAFSA form at

...
The Interdenominational Christian Fellowship group meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., at 105 Frame Hall.

The group is open to anyone and is non-denominational. Visitors are invited to talk about God, faith, and the search for

meaning, as well as invited to bring a lunch.

...
The Clarion University Venango Campus Independent Film Series is free and open to the public. The series features films from independent

See EVENTS page 3

Suhr Library has news for end of semester

Papers due? Need assistance with that research paper or project that is due next week? The reference librarians at Carlson and Suhr libraries can help. Stop by the libraries or call Carlson Library at 814-393-2490 or Suhr Library at 676-6591. Distance education students may use the special toll-free number provided.

If immediate feedback is not crucial or if it's time when the reference librarians are not on duty, you may also submit requests for assistance using the Ask a Librarian online reference

form at <http://www.clarion.edu/library/REFForm.htm>. It is available at the library website under the Services and Collection heading.

And, don't forget about all the tutorials and resource lists that are also available on the library website.

...

As the end of the semester approaches, Quiet Zones become more important to many users. Please be considerate.

If a friend stops by or you receive a phone call, please keep it brief and quiet or take the conver-

sation elsewhere. If others are not abiding by the spirit of the Quiet Zone, please help by reminding them. If problems persist, please contact the library staff at the circulation desk.

...

Carlson Library will extend its hours beginning Monday, April 28. Carlson Library will be open 24 hours per day until midnight on the Thursday of finals week.

The exceptions will be 9 p.m. closings on the Friday and Saturday between the last week of classes and finals.

EVENTS: "Maria Full of Grace" is featured film

Continued from page 2

ent filmmakers from China, the United States, Iran, Japan, the United Kingdom, Colombia, and India. All films will be shown on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium. The final film of the Spring 2008 semester will be "Maria Full of Grace" on April 26.

For more information about the film series, call Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

Governor Rendell's Policy Office is seeking up to five students with an interest in public service and government for 2008 summer internships.

Interested students should email their resume along with a cover letter to Patricia Grim at pggrim@state.pa.us. The student should indicate which policy area

they would like to be considered for. Policy areas include: education; health care reform; economic development and workforce; criminal justice; and environmental issues, land use, and infrastructure.

For more information, call Patricia Grim at 717-772-9068.

...

Special Olympics is looking for volunteers to assist in many ways at the Sunday, April 27 event. Volunteers are needed to help athletes one-on-one, assist with food preparation, assist in Olympic Village, and more.

For more information and registration forms, contact Erica at clarion-sopa2008@yahoo.com.

...

The University Writing Center at Clarion University has a graduate assistantship opening for a writing consultant. Prior writing center experience is not required; all individuals receive training for the position.

Graduate assistants who work 17 hours per week will receive full tuition remission plus a stipend for the year. Graduate assistants who work 8.5 hours per week will receive half tuition remission plus a stipend for the year.

Interested individuals should be strong writers who are responsible, flexible, dependable, curious, polite, compassionate, professional, open to learning how to work with writers, and a native speaker of English (or have training/experience in teaching English).

To apply, complete and submit an application form; submit a letter addressing prior experience, and graduate experience and long-term goals; and submit a current resume to: Dr. Kathleen Welsch, Writing Center Director, English Department,

See EVENTS page 8

Phi Theta Kappa thanks participants of luncheon, hosts guest speaker James Fisher

Phi Theta Kappa would like to thank all who participated for making this year's Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon a wonderful success. Gift cards to area businesses were given away as door prizes. Clubs who donated the prizes were Phi Theta Kappa, Adult Learners Organization, Ski Club, Student Senate, Campus Activities Board, Outdoor Club, and S-PSEA.

Winners were Sylvia Wiegel, Ellen Foster, Theresa Nestor, Lola Deets, Ginny Seybold, Shelly Weaver, Patty Shontz, Frank Shepard, and Steve Hoover. If you didn't win on Wednesday, watch your e-mail, maybe you'll get a sec-

ond chance!

We, the members of Phi Theta Kappa, consider it an honor and a privilege to be able to host this luncheon each year. Thanks again to all the faculty and staff for all you do to make our time at Venango Campus such a wonderful experience!

...

Phi Theta Kappa proudly welcomes Dr. James Fisher to Venango Campus on Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. Dr. Fisher is an associate professor of political science at Edinboro University. He spoke at Brother Bean Coffeehouse in Seneca earlier this month, and we have invited him to our campus to give everyone an opportu-

nity to participate in this riveting civil liberties discussion.

The topic is Torture, Law and American Values. If you think the topic has nothing to do with you, think again! This event promises to be a discussion you don't want to miss!

Please join us in Rhoades Auditorium on the Monday. The discussion is free of charge and open to the entire campus community and their guests, as well as the public community.

Refreshments will follow the discussion group. All viewpoints are welcome, and we hope to see you all there!

ALO will say goodbye to long-time president, welcomes students to join the organization

The Adult Learners Organization thanks everyone who attended the Luau for making it a success! We had an afternoon of great food, games, fun, and fellowship.

We would like to give our sincerest thanks to Traci Karasinski. In addition to taking care of her family of six, working full time, and attending Venango Campus full time, she has been ALO's president. Traci will be attending Clarion Campus next year, and will be unable to continue as our president.

Without Traci and her amazing efforts, none of the events ALO has hosted in the last two years would

have taken place.

ALO takes pride in providing events on campus that are fun for the entire family. Each year, we host the Thanksgiving Dinner, which has always been a mainstay on our campus. Other events typically hosted include the Groundhog Day dinner, Storyteller Dinner, and Cookout and a Movie.

This year, ALO hosted a Valentine's Dance and the Luau-Pig Roast, both of which we hope to do again next year. However, without new members we will be unable to continue as a group on campus next year.

Anyone who considers themselves a non-traditional student in any way is wel-

come and encouraged to join ALO. This could include returning students, younger students who live at home, any student who is married or who has children; anything that you feel is not typical of the average college student. If you think you don't have time to join a club, think again! We would like to continue ALO's tradition on Venango Campus.

If you are interested in joining or have questions about the Adult Learners Organization, please email Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu, or Traci at s_tkarasins@clarion.edu.

Spring semester 2008 Finals Week is May 5-9

All final examinations will be administered throughout the week of May 5 – 9 according to the schedule outlined below. Exams will not be given at times other than those specified on the final exam schedule. Students should report to the same classroom used throughout the spring semester unless indicated otherwise. Students with three or more tests on the same day may reschedule tests by consulting with the appropriate instructors or the college dean. If a mutually convenient time cannot be agreed upon, Friday, May 9, should be used as the alternate test date.

Courses that begin after the starting times listed on the exam schedule should adhere to the test schedule for that hour, i.e., MGMT 320-02 meets MW 12:30 - 1:45PM, therefore, the final exam will be Monday, May 5, 12:00 - 1:50PM.

MONDAY, MAY 5

Test Time: **8AM - 9:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **8AM**.

Test Time: **10AM - 11:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **9AM**.

Test Time: **12 Noon - 1:50PM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **12 Noon**.

Test Time: **2PM - 3:50PM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **1PM**.

Test Time: 4PM – 5:50PM

ELED 330-01 Lang Arts in Elem Sch D. Ellermeyer Chapel Auditorium

ELED 330-02 Lang Arts in Elem Sch D. Ellermeyer Chapel Auditorium

ELED 330-03 Lang Arts in Elem Sch D. Ellermeyer Chapel Auditorium

COURSES THAT MEET AT 4PM OR LATER AND HAVE THE FIRST CLASS MEETING OF THE WEEK ON MONDAY EVENINGS WILL TEST AT THE REGULAR MONDAY MEETING TIMES ON MAY 5.

Test Time: **5PM – 6:50PM**

CHANGE IN LOCATION

MATH 050-02 Basic Algebra K. Wright 112 Still (Aud)

CHANGE IN TIME AND LOCATION

MATH 110-02 Intermediate Algebra K. Wright 112 Still (Aud)

Test Time: **6PM - 7:50PM**

MATH 112-01 Excursions Math D. Bhattacharya Peirce Auditorium

MATH 112-02 Excursions Math D. Bhattacharya Peirce Auditorium

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Test Time: **8AM - 9:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at **8AM**.

Test Time: **10AM - 11:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at **9:30AM**.

Test Time: **12 Noon - 1:50PM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at **2PM**.

Test Time: 2PM - 3:50PM

ACTG 251-01 Financial Accounting R. Otte 112 Still (Aud)

ACTG 251-02 Financial Accounting R. Otte 112 Still (Aud)

ACTG 251-03 Financial Accounting R. Otte 112 Still (Aud)

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2 – 3:50PM (Continued)

ACTG 252-01 Managerial Accounting A. Grenci 107 Still

ACTG 252-04 Managerial Accounting A. Grenci 107 Still

ELED 324-01 Tch Elem School Math V. Harry Chapel Auditorium

ELED 324-02 Tch Elem School Math V. Harry Chapel Auditorium

ELED 324-03 Tch Elem School Math V. Harry Chapel Auditorium

FINAL EXAMS: Finals will be held May 5-9

Continued from page 5

MATH 111-01 Math Conc Grades K-8 R. Carbone Peirce Auditorium
 MATH 111-02 Math Conc Grades K-8 R. Carbone Peirce Auditorium
 MATH 211-03 Fund Topics in K-8 Math R. Carbone Peirce Auditorium
 MATH 211-04 Fund Topics in K-8 Math R. Carbone Peirce Auditorium
 MMAJ 270-01 Temporal Media R. Nulph 124 Becker
 MMAJ 270-02 Temporal Media R. Nulph 124 Becker
 Test Time: **4PM – 5:50PM**

ED 110-01 Intro to Education P. Kolencik 112 Still (Aud)
 ED 110-02 Intro to Education P. Kolencik 112 Still (Aud)
 ELED 329-01 Ed Eval & Auth Assessment J. Brown Chapel Auditorium
 ELED 329-02 Ed Eval & Auth Assessment J. Brown Chapel Auditorium

COURSES THAT MEET AT 4PM OR LATER AND HAVE THE FIRST CLASS MEETING OF THE WEEK ON TUESDAY EVENINGS WILL TEST AT THE REGULAR TUESDAY MEETING TIMES ON MAY 6. WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Test Time: **8AM – 9:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **10AM**.

Test Time: **10AM – 11:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **11AM**.

Test Time: **12 Noon – 1:50PM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **2PM**.

Test Time: **2PM – 3:50PM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **3PM**.

COURSES THAT MEET AT 4PM OR LATER AND HAVE THE FIRST CLASS MEETING OF THE WEEK ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS WILL TEST AT THE REGULAR WEDNESDAY MEETING TIMES ON MAY 7. THURSDAY, MAY 8

Test Time: **8AM – 9:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at **11AM**.

Test Time: **10AM – 11:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at **12:30PM**.

Test Time: **12 Noon – 1:50PM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at **3:30PM**.

COURSES THAT MEET AT 4PM OR LATER AND HAVE THE FIRST CLASS MEETING OF THE WEEK ON THURSDAY EVENINGS WILL TEST AT THE REGULAR THURSDAY MEETING TIMES ON MAY 8. FRIDAY, MAY 9 - MAY BE USED TO RESOLVE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS AND MAKE-UP EXAMS.

Venango Voice wants YOU!

If you enjoy writing, graphic design, editing, or photography, we have a place for you on our staff! Positions are open for Fall 2008 semester!

For more information, email the Voice at voice@clarion.edu

State

Hillary Clinton, John McCain won PA's primary

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton won the most delegates in Pennsylvania's Democratic primary.

Clinton won at least 80 of the 158 delegates up for grabs in Tuesday's contest, according to an analysis of election returns by The Associated Press. Sen. Barack Obama won at least 66, with 12

still to be awarded.

The final delegate count was delayed because many of Pennsylvania's counties are split into multiple congressional districts. Pennsylvania awards delegates according to the statewide vote as well as the vote in individual congressional districts.

In the overall race for the nomination, Obama led with 1,714.5 delegates, including separately chosen party and elected

officials known as superdelegates. Clinton had 1,589.5 delegates, according to the AP tally.

It will take 2,025 delegates to secure the Democratic nomination.

On the Republican side, Sen. John McCain clinched the party's nomination in March.

Copyright 2008 The Associated Press.

National

Researchers concerned about U.S. waterways

ALONG THE SANTA FE RIVER, N.M. (AP) - Rosemary Lowe scoops up a shovel of dirt and dumps it into a hole around the base of a slender cottonwood tree.

One down, thousands more to go.

Lowe and dozens of volunteers spent a recent day planting native trees along a half-mile stretch of the Santa Fe River that has been reduced to a dry, sandy wash.

Federal agencies, states, tribes and concerned citizens are spend-

ing millions of dollars and thousands of hours on waterway restoration projects to reverse decades of poor management and combat the mounting threats of population and climate change.

Nationally, there are more than 37,000 river restoration projects underway, costing more than \$1 billion annually, according to a study released this month by Colorado College.

Andrew Fahlund, vice president for conservation for American Rivers, said every region of the country will eventually be affected either by water pollution or overconsumption.

Federal researchers at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque predict that the fresh water supplies of more than half of the nations in the world will be stressed in less than 20 years, and that by 2050 three quarters of the world could face fresh water scarcity.

The U.S. is no exception, said Michael Hightower of the lab's Energy Systems Analysis Department. Groundwater pumping will likely have to be reduced in the next 5 to 10 years to prevent the depletion of many of the nation's aquifers, he said.

Copyright 2008 The Associated Press.

World

Bombings, attacks kill 13, wound 24 in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) - A spate of suicide bombings and other attacks on security forces in southern Afghanistan Wednesday left 13 people dead and 24 others wounded, officials said.

In Kandahar province, a suicide bomber blew himself up next to a vehicle carrying intelligence agents in the border town of Spin Boldak, killing three civilians, Kandahar Gov. Assadullah Khalid said.

Two children and three intelli-

gence agents were among the 14 hurt, Khalid said.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi said the insurgent group was behind the attack and identified the bomber as a man named Gul Mohammad.

A 16-year-old boy who was wounded in the explosion said police shot at the bomber before he detonated explosives.

In neighboring Helmand province, a suicide bomber struck a police convoy, killing two officers and wounding three, said district police chief Khairudin Shuhja. Shuhja was in the convoy but was

not injured in the attack.

As the bomber approached the car, guards opened fire, wounding the attacker, who then blew himself up, Shuhja said.

More than 900 policemen were among the 8,000 people killed last year in insurgency-related violence, officials said. The high death toll comes despite some \$4 billion the U.S. has spent to train and equip the police in the last three years.

Copyright 2008 The Associated Press.

EVENTS: International Scholarship open to students

Continued from page 3

Davis Hall. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 23.

MAY

An Innovative International Scholarship opportunity is available for Clarion University students to study at Daegu University, South Korea. Applications and supporting documents for the Discover Korea Scholarship Program must be turned in to the Office of International Programs by Friday, May 2, at 119 Becht Hall.

Students who are interested in securing an application should contact Lynn Hepfl or Linda Heineman at 814-393-2340. The scholarship will only be awarded to 2-3 Clarion students. International Advisory Council Scholarship committee representatives will review all application and notify award winners by May 8.

For more information, contact Dr. Young-Gyoung Kim at 814-393-2338 or email ykim@clarion.edu.

The Clarion University Activities Board will hold a Paint Splatter event on Friday, May 2, from 1-6 p.m., outside Gemmell Student Center. The event is free.

Delta Phi Epsilon will host their annual Deeper Dude Male Pageant on Thursday, May 1, at Hart Chapel. All men on campus are invited.

For more information, contact Jessica Nixon at s_jenixon@clarion.edu or Melissa Bluedorn at s_mjbluedorn@clarion.edu.

Clarion University's Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils have joined forces with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant the wish of a local three-year-old girl. A 5-K race will be held on Sunday, May 4, and will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For more information and the registration form, visit <http://www.clarion.edu/student/ocl/greek>

life/5k.htm.

The University Book Center at Clarion University is having a sale on music CDs through May 10. Take 20 percent off all in stock music CDs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Eyrie magazine has an article on Passages that it

wants to publish, but needs to find the author of the article. It was likely submitted Fall 2006 semester.

If you wrote the article on Passages, contact Danielle Reeve at s_dnmreeve@clarion.edu or Dr. Knepper at jknepner@clarion.edu. Eyrie wants to publish your article!

Venango Voice

226 Montgomery Hall

Clarion University - Venango Campus
Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, ext. 1289 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber
Staff
Jon Cook
Frank Rodgers

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Christine Rodgers
Lori Secor

Policies

The *Venango Voice* is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania-Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The *Voice* is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the Executive Board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The *Venango Voice* is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the *Venango Voice* reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



SEP 3 2008

YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR PAPER, YOUR VOICE

CLARION UNIVERSITY
OF PENNSYLVANIA

VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 1

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

Welcome new, returning students

By Kerri Smayda
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome new students, as well as those of you returning, to the 2008-2009 school year at Clarion University-Venango Campus. The fall semester looks to have plenty in store for every student. The first week of class brought us an ice cream social, a performance by Justin Parson in the cozy Rhoades lounge, a show by the always-entertaining Improvettes, and a drive-in viewing of "National Treasure." As we look to the weeks ahead, be sure to take advantage of all of the activities and opportunities Venango Campus will provide.

Academically, keep in mind that there are many services on campus to keep you intellectually in-tune with your studies. The Learning Support Center offers several opportunities to ensure your academic success, including peer tutoring, test preparation, academic success workshops, supplemental instruction, the Writing Center, and group and individualized study sessions, to name a few.

The Career Center also offers many services, of which will help you hone in on your academic focus and lead to a satisfying career. The Career Center provides career assessment and interest inventories, career ex-

ploration, job search skills, resume review-interviewing skills, on-campus job fairs, employment workshops, and employer panels.

For students who have children, the Oil City YMCA Younger Days Child Care Center offers child-care and preschool services in Montgomery Hall.

As always, Cross-Rhoades Café in Rhoades Center is cooking up something delicious for Venango Campus students. They accept Flex dollars, Eagle dollars, credit cards, and cash for payment.

Student life activities can also be very rewarding

See WELCOME on pg. 7

RSOs note first meetings of the year

September

Volleyball will be held every Tuesday throughout the semester beginning September 2, from 6-9 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

Intramural Volleyball will be held every Wednesday throughout the semester

beginning September 3, from 6-9 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

The Venango Voice student newspaper will hold an informational meeting for all students interested in participating on Thursday, September 4, at 1 p.m. Pizza and refreshments will

be available at no cost. For more information, contact Kerri Smayda at vvoice@clarion.edu, or in the UAB/newspaper office in Rhoades Center.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold its first chapter meet-

See EVENTS on page 2

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Beginning Tuesday, September 2, vehicles in student parking must display a parking permit. Parking regulations will be enforced. To obtain a parking permit, visit the administrative office in Frame Hall.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

WELCOME	1
EVENTS	1-8
TRASH TALK	2
STATE NEWS	3
NATIONAL NEWS	3
WORLD NEWS	4
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA	5
NHLA GRADS	6

Brown's Plan B 3.0 was "an incredible book"



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

I had very good intentions over the summer of diving further into learning about the problems our planet faces, and what may be done to help. I thought since I was not one of the lucky ones to be taking summer classes, I might have enough time to even write some articles in advance and save myself some time later. What I did not take into account was the fact that once the thermome-

ter gets above 80 degrees, I am totally useless. All I want to do is be outside in the sun – relaxing, playing with my two kids – anything but think about something that might possibly be defined as 'work'.

What I did do this summer? Well, I did learn a lot; I read a few good books for starters. The first one I read was *The End of America* by Naomi Wolf. If you haven't read it yet, I urge every student on this campus to read it then pass it along to someone else for them to read it as well, and do a little side education on what our government has been up to while most of us weren't paying attention.

I also read *Plan B 3.0* by Lester R. Brown. Now this was an incredible book! It explains aspects of strain our planet is facing – from deteriorating food and oil supply to desertification to environmental refugees – and what needs to happen to save it.

Best of all, it is written in a manner that is very easy to follow. If he throws in technical jargon at all, it is clearly defined (good news for me!). I learned a lot from this one. It explains what happens when a population gets too large for the land to support, how desertification happens, how many debilitating and deadly diseases are linked to pollution, and so on.

I got a bit sidetracked from my original summer plans by Anderson Cooper also. It started by turning on CNN at night, hoping the news would put me to sleep, and I found myself listening to AC 360 or Larry King and *gasp* learning about politics of all things. I have never been interested before, but after one night of listening to people debate about what McCain and Obama were planning in regard to climate change, energy costs and pollution, I was hooked. After reading Mr. Brown's book and discovering about how

all of the environmental problems entwine, I realized politics is going to play an enormous role in how our country handles itself in the years to come.

This year, my column will be a bit different, as I won't be looking specifically at different products, though I may throw a few in there. As we get nearer to the election in November, I plan to do a short series of articles on where each of the candidates stands on environmental and energy issues. I also plan to look into exactly what is floating around in the water we drink and bathe in, what all the hype is about BPA and hazardous food dyes, and how climate change is affecting the weather, as well as share my favorite product finds.

Hopefully, we'll all learn how we can make a difference simply by tweaking our everyday behaviors and habits. Let's have a great year!

EVENTS: ALO will meet on Sept. 8 in Rhoades

Continued from page 1

ing on Thursday, September 4, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

The Adult Learners' Organization of Venango Campus will hold its first meeting on Monday, September 8, at 11 a.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center.

The ALO is a campus organization focused on the non-traditional students of Venango Campus. The organization encourages and provides numerous opportunities to unite as a campus.

For more information, e-mail Traci Karasinski at s_ttkarasins@clarion.edu or call 814-673-9689.

Basketball and Dodge Ball will be held every Monday throughout the semester beginning September 8, from 6-9 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting and begin the organization's first fundraiser of the year, a Stromboli sale, on Monday, September 15. The meeting will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

Venango Museum's "Oil on the Brain" series will be held Wednesday,

See EVENTS on page 5

State

Man sentenced 20-40 years in Pa. student death

READING, Pa. (AP) - A 24-year-old man who took part in the fatal beating of a university student in Pennsylvania Dutch country was sentenced Monday to 20 to 40 years in prison.

Timothy Gearhart, of Allentown, was one of three men charged with murder in the death of 19-year-old Kyle Quinn, a Kutztown University sophomore. Quinn was attacked at random after the three men left a bar looking for someone to beat up, police said.

The September 7 killing was Kutztown's first homicide since 1982 and only the third since 1968, officials said.

"If we can't be safe walking home in a place like Kutztown, then there's no place one can feel safe," Judge Paul Yatron said before handing down the

sentence.

Quinn, 19, was from the Philadelphia suburb of Warminster. More than 40 friends and family were in the courtroom and several of them read statements, which Yatron ordered Gearhart to bring to prison with him.

Quinn's mother, Denise, said she still makes trips to the cemetery to convince herself her son is dead. "What he did to Kyle was cold-blooded and cruel," she said. "No one deserves to die that way."

Gearhart apologized to Quinn's family.

"Please know that I've thought of your son every day and will every day of my life," he said to Quinn's parents. "I'm sorry to have put so many people through pain, but I'm not just sorry for Kyle's family, I'm sorry for my family

and friends as well."

His public defender, Glenn D. Welsh, had been seeking a 10- to 20-year prison sentence.

Gearhart was initially charged with first-degree murder, but prosecutors agreed to drop the most serious count when he pleaded guilty August 6 to third-degree murder. He admitted he struck Quinn in the head with a scrap of wood from a piece of furniture on Main Street a few blocks from campus.

Two Allentown brothers, Kenneth and Terry Kline, are charged with third-degree murder in the attack. Their trial is scheduled for November.

Prosecutors have said Gearhart has made no promises to testify against the brothers. Their attorney has denied the two took part.

National

Texas students pack book bags; teachers pack heat

HARROLD, Texas (AP) - Along with normal first-day jitters and excitement, students in this tiny district started school wondering which teachers might be toting firearms.

"It was kind of awkward knowing that some teachers were carrying guns," said Adam Lira, 17, a senior. "I don't feel like they should be, 'cause we already have locked doors and cameras. But I didn't feel threatened by it."

Several parents said they had no idea that employees of the K-12 school were allowed to carry concealed guns on campus until recent publicity about the school board's policy, approved quietly last fall. They said they were upset that the rural community near the Oklahoma border had not been able to give in-

put.

While some parents said they felt their children were safer, others opposed the plan, which appears to be the first of its kind nationwide.

"As far as I'm concerned, teachers were trained to educate my children — not carry a gun. Even police officers need years of training in hostage situations," said Traci McKay, whose three children are among the 110 students in the red-brick Harrold school. "I don't want my child looking over her shoulder wondering who's carrying a gun."

But Harrold Superintendent David Thweatt said the board approved the policy in an October open meeting that had been publicized. He said the decision was made after nearly two years of researching the best school security options at the school, which is just off a

busy highway and 30 minutes away from the sheriff's office.

"When you outlaw guns in a certain area, the only people who follow that are law-abiding citizens, and everybody else ignores it," Thweatt said.

The superintendent said some of the school's 50 employees are carrying weapons, but he wouldn't say how many. When pressed further, he first said that revealing that number might jeopardize school security. He then added that he considered it to be personnel information and not a matter of public record.

Each employee who wants to carry a weapon first must be approved by the board based on his or her personality and reaction to a crisis, Thweatt said. In addition to training required for a state

See STUDENTS on page 4

World

Rice: peace deal still possible before Bush leaves

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Tuesday that "God willing" there could still be a Mideast peace agreement before the end of President Bush's term in office.

"God willing and with the good will of the parties and the tireless work of the parties, we have a good chance of succeeding," Rice said at a joint news conference with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Rice was wrapping up a visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories in hopes of furthering the announced goal of brokering a Mideast peace deal by year's end, but she has offered few specific signs of progress.

"I've had a series of very good discussions here," Rice said.

She repeated the U.S. position that Israel should stop expanding settlements on disputed territory. "Settlement activity is not conducive to creating an environment for negotiations, yet negotiations go on," she said.

Abbas said the settlements "are

undoubtedly a main obstacle in the road of the peace process."

"We reject all the settlement activities in principle because they contradict with the agreements and the roadmap plan and the objectives" of the U.S.-sponsored peace conference in Annapolis, Md. last November, Abbas said.

He added, "We have discussed the importance of reaching complete and comprehensive solutions, not partial solutions," Abbas said.

Rice said she was "heartened" that talks were "serious and intensive." The sides had hoped to reach a final peace deal before Bush leaves office in January, but have acknowledged that target is unlikely to be met.

But Rice held out hope that such an agreement was possible.

"We still have a number of months before us to work toward the Annapolis goal and we're going to do precisely that," Rice said.

The talks have been complicated by the impending departure of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who has

said he will step down to battle a corruption investigation, and the Hamas militant group's control of the Gaza Strip.

Israel says it cannot carry out any deal until Abbas regains control of Gaza from Hamas, which violently seized power in the coastal area in June 2007. It also says the moderate government of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, which rules from the West Bank, is not doing enough against militants operating in areas under his control.

The Palestinians, meanwhile, have complained about continued Israeli construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem — areas the Palestinians claim for a future independent state. Israel captured both areas in the 1967 Mideast war.

"In the end of the day, the role of the leaders is to try to find a way to live in peace in the future, and not to let any kind of noises that relate to the situation on the ground these days to enter the negotiation room," she said.

STUDENTS: Other districts allow concealed weapons

Continued from page 3

concealed weapons license, they also must be trained to handle crisis intervention and hostage situations.

State education officials said they did not know of any other Texas schools allowing teachers to carry guns. National security experts and the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence said they did not know of other U.S. schools with such a policy.

School districts in some states, including Florida and Arizona, have closed loopholes that allowed guns on K-12 campuses. Utah allows concealed weapons at public universities but not

at primary or secondary schools.

Thweatt said the board took extra precautions, such as requiring employees to use bullets that will minimize the risk of ricochet, similar to those used by air marshals on planes.

"I can lead them from a fire, tornado and toxic spill; we have plans in place for that. I cannot lead them from an active shooter," Thweatt said. "There are people who are going to think this is extreme, but it's easy to defend."

Judy Priz, who has a third-grade daughter, said that "everyone I've talked to thinks it's great." She said she trusts the teachers with her child's life.

Gov. Rick Perry has said he sup-

ports the policy because "there's a lot of incidents where that would have saved a number of lives."

The Brady Center has spoken out against the plan, saying it may not comply with Texas law, which bans firearms at schools unless carriers have given written permission. If the board authorizes an employee to carry a gun, then that person must be a peace officer, according to the center.

Cheryl Mehl, an attorney for the district, said the statute the Brady Center cites applies only to security guards, not teachers and other employees. The district has no security guards.

Steigerwald named Venango distinguished alumna

Rhonda L. Steigerwald, vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at UPMC Northwest, has been named the 2008 Clarion University-Venango Campus Distinguished Alumna.

Ms. Steigerwald will represent the Venango Campus in the upcoming Oil Heritage Festival Parade on Saturday, July 26, riding in a car with Dr. Joseph P. Grunenwald, president of Clarion University, and Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean of Clarion University-Venango Campus.

She will also be honored on October 2 with a full day of activities at the Venango Campus that culminates in a community-wide reception and will receive an award the following evening at the annual Clarion University Alumni Association banquet in Clarion.

Established in 1990, this award is presented to one Venango Campus alumnus each year by the Clarion University Alumni Association. Recipients are honored for their professional accomplishments and extra-curricular service to their community and/or humanity which have brought distinction to their *alma mater*.

Ms. Steigerwald is a shining example of someone who knew what she wanted to do, did it very well, and rose to the top of her profession. She has worked her way through the ranks of her current employer, joining the staff of Northwest Medical Center, which

later became UPMC Northwest, as a staff nurse upon graduation from Clarion University's nursing program in 1975.

In her current position, Ms. Steigerwald is part of the leadership team of a 189-bed hospital that provides acute and ambulatory care to a five-county area. She is responsible for clinical and financial operations, strategic planning, program development, patient services, and the advancement of professional practice.

From that first position, Ms. Steigerwald went on to serve as nurse manager of the birthing center, pediatrics, and emergency services before being promoted to assistant vice president of nursing in 2004, and her current position in 2006.

Her position gives her an opportunity to interact with her *alma mater*, especially in the programs that have been developed in partnership with UPMC Northwest to prepare existing hospital employees to become registered nurses.

Staff from various hospital departments attend classes part-time while working full-time over a four-year period, graduating with an associate of science in nursing degree.

"It is so exciting to be working with the School of Nursing and Allied Health at Clarion University-Venango Campus to enable us at UPMC Northwest to be proactive in addressing the nursing shortage for our organization,"

said Ms. Steigerwald. "Having the availability of educational opportunities and venues locally through the Venango Campus meets the needs of all types of students, traditional and non-traditional."

After earning her associate degree in nursing at Clarion University-Venango Campus, Ms. Steigerwald received her baccalaureate degree in health administration at Kennedy-Western University in Thousand Oaks, California.

She then completed the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Beckwith Fellowship Leadership Program before earning her master's degree in health administration from Kennedy-Western. She also holds certifications as a maternal newborn nurse and as a neonatal resuscitation program instructor.

Ms. Steigerwald is a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the Early Head Start Health Advisory Board, the Northwest Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders, and is secretary of the MuXi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing.

She has been recognized by the Family Health Council, Inc., with the 1999 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Leadership Award and by Northwest Medical Center with the 1992 Excellence in Nursing Management Award.

EVENTS: Jerome Wincek will perform Sept. 19

Continued from page 2

September 17 through Saturday, September 20, from 6-10 p.m., each night in Rhoades Auditorium.

The Trustees' Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 18, from 3-8 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge.

Indie and folk rock artist Jerome Wincek will perform on Friday, September 19, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold its "Adopt-a-Highway" event on Saturday, September 20. Students interested in

volunteering should meet at Penn-DOT, route 8 south of Franklin, at 9 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held the following Saturday, September 27. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or

See EVENTS on page 8

NHLA held 156th graduation ceremony on Aug. 8

The National Hardwood Lumber Association (NHLA), headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee, held a graduation ceremony at the Venango Technology Center in Oil City on August 8. The ceremony honored the 156th graduating class of the association's Inspector Training School and the first class to complete the program offsite in the school's sixty-year history. Thirteen students from throughout Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Michigan graduated.

For the past five years, NHLA has partnered with Clarion University-Venango Campus to offer college credit for the NHLA program, awarding credits toward an associate degree through the university's Department of Applied Technology. Clarion University is the only university in the country to offer college credit for the NHLA program.

Because of the success of that partnership, NHLA brought the technical component of the program to the region for ten weeks this summer, in cooperation with Clarion University-Venango Campus, Keystone Community Education Council (KCEC), and the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG). Students from out of the area lived in the Venango Campus student apartment complex during the program.

The world's largest and oldest hardwood industry association, NHLA represents 1,600 companies and individuals that produce, use and sell North American hardwood lumber, or provide equipment, supplies or services to the hardwood industry. It was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber. Since 1980, its headquarters

have been in Memphis.

The high value of hardwood lumber dictates that boards are graded each time that they are bought or sold within the hardwood industry on the way from the sawmill to their final use in furniture, flooring, or paneling. Hardwood lumber inspectors are responsible for determining the species, grade, and volume of each piece of lumber, and are employed by sawmills, dry kiln operators, wholesale lumber distributors, manufacturing plants, exporters, importers, and other types of firms that utilize hardwood lumber.

More than a century after origination, the NHLA standards and rules that were once developed to ease regional trade are now employed worldwide for the same reason. To this day,

the NHLA Lumber Inspector Training School in Memphis is the only school of its kind in the world and has attracted students from Canada, Europe, Africa, South America, and Asia.

More than 6,700 students have graduated from the Inspector Program, many of whom are now in management or ownership positions. From Inspector Training School, where a career in the hardwood industry takes root, to Leadership Development Classes for managers who seek to further their careers, to Technical Short Course Training, NHLA educational offerings reach all levels of careers and all sizes of companies.

To learn more about the National Hardwood Lumber Association and the educational opportunities, please visit www.nhla.com.



These men participated in the 156th National Hardwood Lumber Association graduation ceremony on August 8 at Venango Technology Center in Oil City. Students were eligible to earn college credit toward an associate degree in Applied Technology at Clarion University—Venango Campus.

The *VOICE* needs YOU!

E-mail us today at vvoice@clarion.edu to become a part of our staff!

WELCOME: CAB plans social, cultural programs

Continued from page 1

for Venango Campus students. Student Senate, Campus Activities Board, Athletics and Recreation, and Clubs and Organizations all provide outlets for students to demonstrate skills and talent through these extra-curricular entities.

Student Senate is the governing body for student life on campus and is responsible for representing the student body and managing the Student Activity Fee.

The Campus Activities Board plans social, recreational, and cultural programs offered to the entire campus community. These programs include dances, plays, trips, and family-oriented events.

Though Venango Campus does not offer organized sport, plenty of athletic and recreational opportunities are available to keep students

active. Students can participate in informal games of basketball, volleyball, and billiards, as well as bowling, golf, and fitness at local venues at minimal or no charge. In addition, bicycles are available to be signed out free-of-charge.

In addition to all of the aforementioned services, students can take part in various student-run clubs and organizations. Some of these include Adult Learners' Organization, *Venango Voice* newspaper, Nursing Club, Outdoor Club, CAB, Phi Theta Kappa, Eagle Ambassadors, and the Interdenominational Christian Fellowship, in addition to many others.

Take full advantage of everything Venango Campus has to offer, and dive right in. There is always a place for each student to meet their full potential.

Charles L. Suhr Library regular and holiday hours

Regular hours...

Monday through

Thursday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

In observance of Labor Day weekend...

CLOSED Saturday, August 30 through
Monday, September 1

Normal hours will resume
Tuesday, September 2

Charles L. Suhr Library
814-676-6591

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University-Venango Campus
Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Staff
Jon Cook Lori Secor

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania-Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the editor-in-chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

EVENTS: Trina Hamlin to perform September 25

Continued from page 5

Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

...
Singer/songwriter and guitarist Trina Hamlin will perform on Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

October

Clarion's Autumn Leaf Festival weekend kicks off Thursday, October 2. Mid-semester break begins at 10 p.m. In addition, the Distinguished Alumni Reception will be held that day at 5 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

...
Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Thursday, October 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

...
Acoustic rock artist Adrienne will perform on Friday, October 3, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

...
Transgender singer/songwriter

Namoli Brennet will perform on Friday, October 10, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

...
The Independent Film Series will begin Saturday, October 11, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium. The featured film will be "Sweet Land."

...
Senator Mary Jo White will hold a Student Government Seminar on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

...
CLEP testing will take place on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., in room 118 of Frame Hall.

...
"The Lives of Others" will be shown on Saturday, October 18, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

...
Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Monday, October 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center.

For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

The first meeting of the Honors Seminar Series will be held on Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m., in Rhoades Auditorium.

...
A murder mystery dinner theatre will be held Friday, October 24, from 6-9 p.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center.

...
"Turtles Can Fly" will be shown on Saturday, October 25, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

...
Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor the Central Blood Bank Bloodmobile on Wednesday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Rhoades Gymnasium. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

...
The Radiologic Science department will hold a breakfast on Friday, October 31, at 8 a.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center.

WE HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU!

The *Venango Voice* will hold an informational meeting Sept. 4, at 1 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center.

FREE pizza and refreshments!

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! vvoice@clarion.edu

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania-Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 2

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Pa. voter registration deadline nears

The deadline to participate in the 2008 Presidential General Election is just a month away, as voters must register by Monday, October 6.

To register to vote in Pennsylvania, you must be: a citizen of the United States for at least one month before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election; a resident of Pennsylvania and the election district in which you want to register and vote for at least 30 days prior to the above elections; and at least 18 years of age on or before the day of the next primary, special, municipal, or general election.

Once you have registered to vote, you are not

required to register again unless you change your residence, name, or political party affiliation.

There are several ways to register—in person, by mail, at the PA Department of Transportation, at government agencies, or online.

To register in person, visit your county voter registration office.

In order to mail your voter registration, download the form at www.votepa.com, or obtain a form from any federal, state, or municipal office.

You can also register to vote at any Pennsylvania Department of Transportation photo license center when you obtain or update

your driver's license or identification card.

Government agencies, such as area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living and Armed Forces Recruitment Centers, also provide voter registration.

Or, visit www.congress.org to register to vote online.

Registration is easy and free.

For more information about voter registration, contact Venango County Voter Registration Director Sue Saltarelli at the Courthouse Annex, 1174 Elk Street, Franklin, by phone at 814-432-9514, or by e-mail at ssaltarelli@co.venango.pa.us.

Yoga, cardio-kickboxing are free

September

Yoga sessions will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins. With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions

are free.

...

Cardio-kickboxing sessions will be held every Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m., at the Franklin School of Kung Fu, 845 Buffalo St., Franklin. The sessions are free.

...

The Adult Learners'

Organization of Venango Campus will hold its first meeting on Monday, September 8, at 11 a.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center.

The ALO is a campus organization focused on the non-traditional students of Venango Campus. The or-

See EVENTS on page 3

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

VOTER REGISTRATION	1
EVENTS	1-8
TRASH TALK	2
ALUMNI LUNCH	3
BOOK CENTER	3
LSC SCHEDULE	4
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE	5
PTK UPDATE	5
STATE NEWS	6
NATIONAL NEWS	6
WORLD NEWS	7

What is more important: health or appearance?



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

During the first week of classes, one of my professors asked us a question I thought deserved a little investigation: What is more important, your health or your appearance? Of course, nearly anyone you ask will immediately answer, "health." How true is that, really? I'm sure everyone would rank it above appearance, but do our actions echo our beliefs?

We have daily rituals we do for our health, such as taking vitamins and eating healthy foods. And, we have things we do that benefit our health as well as our appearance, including exercise, showering, brushing our

teeth, etc. There are things we do for our appearance, however, that can be very detrimental to our health. On the same note, there are things we do in the name of improving our health that can actually hurt us.

One of the first things that a doctor will tell someone they need to do to improve their health is to lose weight. Losing 10 percent of your body weight (if you are overweight to begin with) has enormous health benefits. A lot of times doctors don't get into specifics on exactly HOW to lose weight, and, let's face it, most of us just don't know how to eat a healthy, balanced diet.

We turn to diet pills without checking to see if they have been FDA approved, as many have not. In increasing numbers every year, people turn to major surgical procedures to lose weight.

Some doctors help their patients by only approving the surgery when they feel every other option has been exhausted, and they require mandatory education on the type of diet they will have to follow and live with after the surgery. Great, but way too

often doctors are too quick with the knife - too slow to ensure the patient understands and is committed to what their post-op lifestyle will have to be.

The personal care products we use to improve our appearance also have some serious health risks most people aren't aware of. Read the ingredient labels on your shampoo, deodorant, lotion, and cosmetics. I'd wager there are a lot of chemicals listed that would take a lot of effort to even pronounce, let alone find out what they are.

There are about 11,000 chemicals used in personal and skin care products. Less than 11 percent have been tested to ensure they are safe for use. Some of the chemicals that can be found in these products are known as phthalates and can be found on labels as BzBP, DEP, and DBP.

They are known to cause extensive problems. They are endocrine disruptor chemicals that can impair reproductive development, cause asthma, cancer, lung or heart damage, and alter liver and kidney function. Another is silicone, which is a known tumor promoter that accumu-

lates in the liver and lymph nodes. Propylene glycol, found in deodorants and other products, is so toxic the EPA requires workers to wear protective clothing and gloves because it penetrates the skin very quickly. It causes brain, liver, and kidney damage, but I have yet to see a warning label on the products that contain it.

The list of chemicals used in these products is long and their side effects shocking at best, lethal at worst. Why are they used? Why haven't these products been pulled? The health and beauty industry is largely self-regulated; they decide if a product's risks outweigh its cosmetic 'benefits'.

Check out the chemicals in the products you use at <http://www.health-report.co.uk/ingredients-directory.htm#toxic%20chemicals>.

So, the question posed again, "What is more important: health or appearance?" Our actions may speak louder than words.

Material references for this article were found at: www.bariatric-surgery.info, www.weg.org, www.toxicfreelegacy.org.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center

Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: voice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Editor-in-Chief

Staff

Dr. Joan Huber

Kerri Smayda

Jon Cook

Lori Secor

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania - Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Alumni chapter plans informal lunch Sept. 10

The Venango Campus Alumni Chapter will hold an informal networking lunch in the CrossRhoades Café in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at noon on Wednesday, September 10. The chapter was created to bring Venango Campus alumni together to socialize and have fun while advocating for the campus and its students in

the community and beyond. It is open to anyone who has attended classes at the Venango Campus or others interested in the campus' growth and development.

For more information, contact Jerri Gent, Director of Marketing and University Relations, at 676-6591, extension 1215.

CUP-VC Book Center notes hours, Spirit Days

The Clarion University-Venango Campus Book Center is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Book Center is closed from 2-2:30 p.m. for lunch.

The Book Center has plenty of CUP memorabilia, from clothes to mugs, binders to notebooks, and more.

Don't forget Spirit Days every Thursday. Students who wear Clarion University clothing to the Book Center will receive 15 percent off Clarion University merchandise, including sale items.

For more information, contact the Clarion University-Venango Campus Book Center at 814-676-6591.

EVENTS: PTK will meet, start fundraiser Sept. 15

Continued from page 1

ganization encourages and provides numerous opportunities to unite as a campus.

For more information, e-mail Traci Karasinski at s_tkarakasins@clarion.edu or call 814-673-9689.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting and begin the organization's first fundraiser of the year, a Stromboli sale, on Monday, September 15. The meeting will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

...

Venango Museum's "Oil on the Brain" series will be held Wednesday, September 17, through Saturday, September 20, from 6-10 p.m., each night in Rhoades Auditorium.

...

The Trustees' Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 18, from 3-8 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge.

...

Indie and folk rock artist Jerome Wincek will perform on Friday, September 19, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge. The performance is sponsored by the CAB Coffeehouse Series.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will hold its "Adopt-a-Highway" event on Saturday,

September 20. Students interested in volunteering should meet at PennDOT, Route 8 south of Franklin, at 9 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held the following Saturday, September 27. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

...

Singer/songwriter and guitarist Trina Hamlin will perform on Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center. The performance is sponsored by the CAB Coffeehouse Series.

...

See EVENTS on page 8

Corrections

False information regarding volleyball, basketball, and dodge ball was printed in last week's issue of the *Venango Voice*. Those events will not take place until further notice due to the renovations taking place in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

Learning Support Center releases fall schedule

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Jole Burkett 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 3:30-6:30 p.m.	Megan Warner 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Megan Warner 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Jole Burkett 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Melinda Eckman 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Joni Brinker 11:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Melinda Eckman 5-7 p.m.	Joni Brinker 1-3:15 p.m. Melinda Eckman 5-7 p.m.	Joni Brinker 11:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Megan Warner 12-4 p.m.	Christina Sterner 4 p.m. to TBA
Christina Sterner 3:30 p.m. to TBA			Melinda Eckman 5-7 p.m.	

LSC tutors have knowledge of the following list of courses:

<u>Jole Burkett</u>	<u>Joni Brinker</u>	<u>Christina Sterner</u>	<u>Megan Warner</u>	<u>Melinda Eckman</u>
ENG 111 MUS 111 A&P I & II CIS 217 Excursions Math Math 050 Gen. Psych 211 Devlp. Psych 260 Sociology 211 Humanities I Biology 111 Econ Stats 221 Earth Science 111 Nursing 101, 111, 112, & 102	A&P I & II Nursing 132, 101, 102, & 131	TBA	ENG 111 CMST 113 ENG 265 Math 111, 211 BIO 111 HIST 120 Phys Sci & Astr. CIS 217 Sociology 211 Music 131 Health Ed. Psych 122 RE 270 ENG 265 ECON 212	Math 050 CIS 217 General Psych

For more information about the Learning Support Center, contact Tammy Beach at s_tmdulaney@clarion.edu, by phone at 814-676-6591, extension 1344, or visit room 319 at Montgomery Hall.

The Learning Support Center is located on the third floor of Montgomery Hall in room 318.

Availability of tutors and Learning Support Center times are subject to change.

Construction, renovations are still underway

The East End Pond adjacent to Venango Campus is progressing with minor delays. The grating and sleuth gate have been installed, but the grate for drainage is late in arriving. As a result, the pond's water level currently remains at the three-foot mark. The conduit for lighting and top soil are

ready to be installed and foundation designs for the gazebo, bridge and clock have been finalized with construction planned to start within the week.

The locker room in Rhoades and the rest rooms in Frame are progressing at a steady pace. Plumbing drains are

being installed, an electrical panel moved and new lights installed in the gym, with painting soon to start. There will be some lead time needed to receive the tile for the locker rooms. This may delay the finished work, but should not interfere with use of the facilities.

PTK is active honor society at Venango Campus

By Lori Secor
Voice staff

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than two million members and 1,200 chapters.

"The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence."

Phi Theta Kappa's mission is twofold: to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students; and to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

Phi Theta Kappa is a very active club on campus, hosting and partici-

pating in many activities both on and off campus, including blood drives, the Adopt-a-Highway program, Applefest, Better World Books book drives, Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon, and Graduation Tea. We are looking forward to new activities this year as well. Members may choose to be as active as they prefer, participating in as many activities as they like. Meetings are held twice monthly on campus.

On a personal note, PTK has been a great group to be a part of. We range from the young student to the older student; from those seeking out a degree in nursing to early education students; from very active members and officers, to those who like to participate in just their favorite events. For me, the greatest part of PTK is that wonderful bunch of students I probably wouldn't have otherwise gotten a chance to get to know, each bringing something unique to the group. It is a wonderful satisfaction to complete a project knowing that you helped to make a difference on campus or in the community.

If you would like to know more

about Phi Theta Kappa and membership requirements, please contact one of the chapter advisors: Beth Jackson at bjackson@clarion.edu or Kelly Lander at klander@clarion.edu.

PTK Notes

Phi Theta Kappa meetings are held the first Thursday of each month and the third Monday of each month. Thursday meetings will be held in room 307 of Montgomery Hall, where a light lunch will be served. Monday meetings will be held in the club meeting room at Rhoades Center.

The Informal Induction ceremony will be held Monday, September 15, at 5 p.m.

The Adopt-a-Highway event will be held Saturday, September 20, at PennDOT, Route 8 south of Franklin. Volunteers should meet at 9 a.m. and should be finished by 11 a.m.

For more information on these or any other PTK events, email Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu, or Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu.

Join our team today!

The *Venango Voice* is accepting new writers, photographers, and more!

Contact the *Voice* today at vvoice@clarion.edu!

State

Retired Pa. teacher charged with raping student

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — A retired western Pennsylvania teacher has been charged with raping and sexually assaulting a former student in 2001.

Fifty-five-year-old Stephen Shaffer, of Grove City, is accused of assaulting the female student when she was 13 and 14 years old on two differ-

ent occasions in early 2001.

At the time, Shaffer was a science teacher at Somerset Area Junior High School. Authorities say he retired in 2005.

Shaffer surrendered his teacher's license in November.

Police say the former student,

now 21, recently came forward. Police say Shaffer sent her love letters, cards and notes that indicate a physical relationship.

Shaffer was charged with rape, statutory sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault and other related crimes.

National

Chicago students skip school in funding protest

NORTHFIELD, Ill. (AP) — More than 1,000 Chicago public school students skipped the first day of classes Tuesday to protest unequal education funding, a boycott organizers said would continue through the week with help from retired teachers who will turn office lobbies into impromptu classrooms.

The students took church buses 30 miles north to the wealthy suburb of Northfield, where they filled out applications to enroll in the better-funded New Trier district. The move was largely symbolic because students must pay tuition to attend a school outside their home district.

The turnout fell short of the thousands organizers expected, and was a tiny fraction of the more than 400,000 students who attend Chicago public schools, but protesters and their parents said they're willing to keep the boycott going as long as it takes to persuade state officials to give their district more money.

"It's on us kids," said 14-year-old Tracey Stansberry, a student at Corliss High School. "If we don't, we'll be on the bottom."

Gillie Beal said she will keep her 12-year-old grandson involved in the

protest as long as it takes. "You must stand for something or you'll fall for anything," she said.

Chicago Public Schools spokesman Mike Vaughn said he did not know how many students boycotted the country's third-largest district Tuesday; attendance figures would not be available for a couple of days. Although district officials agree the system is underfunded, he said, they consider it a mistake for the children to miss any school.

"We want our kids to start the school year strong, and that means the first week of school," he said. "The first week, it is important for the kids to connect with teachers and lay the groundwork for the year. And that can't happen if kids aren't in school."

On Wednesday, boycott organizers will attempt to set up impromptu classrooms at Chicago City Hall and the state's James R. Thompson Center, as well as in the lobbies of more than a dozen Chicago corporations, including Boeing Co. and Aon Corp., that support Chicago's bid to host the 2016 Summer Olympics.

"If we say we're a world-class city, then we shouldn't be content with having second-class schools," said

state Sen. James Meeks, who is leading the boycott of the district and is urging Gov. Rod Blagojevich and state lawmakers agreed to address school funding disparities.

Meeks said he had not cleared his plans with the city or officials of corporations where students are expected to gather, but expected they would not be turned away.

Jodi Kawada, a spokeswoman for Mayor Richard M. Daley, said she'd heard that the group might come to City Hall but hadn't gotten any confirmation.

"For protests in general — we allow protesters to express their First Amendment rights at City Hall," she said in a statement. "Our priority is to ensure the safety of the building occupants and the protesters."

Boeing spokesman John Dern said Tuesday that the Chicago-based company had not been contacted by organizers.

"If children arrive we would ensure their safety and our ability to conduct business," Dern said.

In Illinois, property taxes account for about 70 percent of school fund-

See STUDENTS on page 7

World

US sends 3rd ship to Georgia, plans \$1B in aid

TBILISI, Georgia (AP)

A U.S. Navy ship loaded with humanitarian aid steamed through the Dardanelles on its way to Georgia, as the Bush administration prepared to roll out a \$1 billion economic aid package for the ex-Soviet republic.

The multiyear proposal calls for spending about half of the total in the administration's remaining five months in office and recommending that the incoming president and his team continue funding the project when they take over in January, a senior official said.

The White House and State Department intend to jointly announce the aid package, which follows a fact-finding and assessment mission

to Georgia by Reuben Jeffrey, a senior U.S. diplomat who returned from the country last week, the official told the AP.

Jeffrey has recommended that assistance be sped to Georgia to help it rebuild its economy and infrastructure that was destroyed by Russian tanks, troops and airstrikes, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of the announcement.

The Russian consul in Georgia, meanwhile, said Russia closed its embassy there and halted consular operations after Georgia severed diplomatic ties following last month's war.

"A break-off of diplomatic ties is an action that has a price," Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei Nesterenko said in Moscow.

He said the ministry is considering other measures.

The diplomatic break follows a five-day war and Moscow's recognition of two separatist Georgia regions, South Ossetia and Abkhazia, as independent nations.

The conflict has brought tensions between Moscow and the West to their highest level since the end of the Soviet Union.

The United States has already sent two military ships bearing aid to Georgia.

"We don't understand what American ships are doing on the Georgian shores, but this is a question of taste, it's a decision by our American colleagues," Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said.

STUDENTS: New Trier is desired school for students

Continued from page 6

ing, meaning rural and inner-city schools generally end up with less to spend per student than suburban schools in areas with higher property values.

Chicago Public Schools spent \$11,300 per student last year. New Trier High School spent \$17,500 per student, near the top in the state.

Meeks is pushing for a pilot program that would distribute \$120 million to four clusters of schools — high schools and their feeder schools — on Chicago's West Side, South Side, south suburbs and downstate. The governor and legislative leaders have made no promises.

"I do not believe that a child's education should be based on where they live," Meeks said. He compared the issue to apartheid in South Africa

and said the situation makes it difficult for children to rise from poverty.

"We undereducated these kids' parents, we undereducated their grandparents and now we're in the process of undereducating them," Meeks said.

New Trier Superintendent Linda Yonke acknowledged that money played a role in school performance, along with supportive parents and hard-working students.

"There's also no denying the fact that funding allows us to have smaller classes, a deep and rich curriculum and many extracurricular activities," Yonke said.

She said 1,100 elementary students and 150 high school students from Chicago filled out enrollment applications Tuesday for New Trier.

New Trier student body president Matt McAmbridge, a senior, told Chicago students at a rally in suburban Skokie on Tuesday afternoon that stu-

dents there support the boycotters' cause and would help in any way they can.

"We know the sentiment among New Trier students ... is really in favor of getting better school funding for everybody," McAmbridge said.

On the bus ride to the suburban district, volunteers told the children they were taking part in a historic event similar to the bus boycott in Alabama in the 1950s.

Peggy Richmond, who accompanied her 12-year-old granddaughter Skyler Williams on the boycott, said she was forced to enroll Skyler in a private school because of the poor quality of the public schools in her Chicago neighborhood.

"I'm still angry," she said of having to pay \$650 a month in tuition to ensure her granddaughter gets a good education.

EVENTS: Joann Wheeler to display art through Dec.

Continued from page 3

Joann Wheeler will display her art at Rhoades Center through December. Her three-dimensional collages and boxes have been exhibited and sold in juried group shows in several galleries.

October

Vegetarian Cooking Classes will be offered Wednesday, October 1, and Tuesday, November 4, from 5-7:30 p.m., in the community room of the Student Apartment Complex.

Clarion's Autumn Leaf Festival weekend kicks off Thursday, October 2. Mid-semester break begins at 10 p.m. In addition, the Distinguished Alumni Reception will be held that day at 5 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Thursday, October 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room 307 of Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

Acoustic rock artist Adrienne will perform on Friday, October 3, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

Transgender singer/songwriter Namoli Brennet will perform on Friday, October 10, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

The Independent Film Series will begin Saturday, October 11, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium. The featured film will be "Sweet Land."

The Outdoor Club will sponsor a Fall Retreat October 16-18. The trip to Ithaca, NY, will include waterfall hikes and more. The cost is a \$15, non-refundable fee per person. Spaces are limited. To sign up or for more information, email Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu.

Senator Mary Jo White will hold a Student Government Seminar on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

CLEP testing will take place on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., in room 118 of Frame Hall.

"The Lives of Others" will be shown on Saturday, October 18, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Monday, October 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

The Satellite Seminar Series will begin Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium. The DVD presentation, titled "Lessons From Abroad: Opportunities in a Borderless World," features Dr. Richard Heinzl.

A murder mystery dinner theatre will be held Friday, October 24, from 6-9 p.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center. It will be "an evening to kill for!"

WE HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU!

The *Venango Voice* is recruiting writers, photographers, **graphic designers**, and more!

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 3

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

Jerome Wincek slated to perform

Jerome Wincek will appear in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at Clarion University-Venango Campus on Friday, September 19, at 8 p.m. The performance is the first of the five-part Coffee House Series offered through the campus' fall cultural arts series. The event is free and open to the public.

Wincek is a talented folk rock musician from western Pennsylvania whose work has been influenced by such folk artists as Tom Waits and Willie Nelson.

Jerome Wincek moved to Nashville to pursue a career in music



Jerome Wincek will perform on Friday, September 19, at 8 p.m., in the Rhoades Lounge.

and in 2001 moved to Oil City.

He has since begun recording what he entitles his "living room masterpieces" with his

band, The Old Hats.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

Phi Theta Kappa will meet Sept. 15

September

Yoga sessions will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins. With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions

are free.

Cardio-kickboxing sessions will be held every Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m., at the Franklin School of Kung Fu, 845 Buffalo St., Franklin. The sessions are free.

Phi Theta Kappa will

hold a meeting and begin the organization's first fundraiser of the year, a Stromboli sale, on Monday, September 15. The meeting will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more

See EVENTS on page 4

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

JEROME WINCEK 1

EVENTS 1-6

JOB POSTINGS 2

GOING GREEN 2

ART EXHIBIT 3

CONSTITUTION DAY 3

LSC NEWS 4

CHALK POLICY 4

SPSEA MEETING 5

CLEP INFO 5

Job openings are available to Venango students

Career Services has two job openings available to Venango Campus students.

The Howling Dog Café and Art Gallery is looking for someone interested in part-time employment. Responsibilities include general food prep, coffee and specialty drink prep, opening and closing responsibilities, cash register, and some general cleaning.

Previous coffee shop experience is a giant plus, but not necessary.

Compensation includes minimum wage plus tips, opportunities for advancement, and free food and coffee drinks, too.

Apply in person at the Howling Dog Café, 219 Seneca Street, Oil City, or call 677-2490 for more information.

A part-time bank Teller/Branch Customer Service Representative in an Oil City north side office is needed. Job responsibilities include processing transactions, in-

troducing additional bank products and services, help build and maintain solid relationships with customers, and work within a team environment.

Job candidates are required to have data entry skills, familiarity with computers, strong multi-tasking and communication skills, six-12 months experience suggesting or referring products and services to customers, six months experience handling cash, and a high

school diploma. Competitive pay, performance incentives, and on-the-job training are available.

The opening is posted at www.cwds.state.pa.us. An updated resume is necessary before applying.

For more information about these job openings or how to prepare a resume, contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad by phone at 676-6591, extension 1373, or visit room 230 Montgomery Hall.

Going Green course is offered by Lola Deets

A new non-credit course is being offered this semester through the Division of Continuing Education at Clarion University-Venango Campus. "Going Green" Environmental Biology will be taught by Lola Deets, Clarion University instructor.

Food prices, gas prices, temperatures, and sea levels are rising. Trees, ice, biodiversity, and water tables are falling. What is happening? How can you, one individual out of 6.2 billion, have a significant positive impact?

There are six simple steps that you can take that will make a difference.

This environmental biology course will focus on environmental sustainability.

Discussions include plans for eradicating poverty and stabilizing populations, restoring the Earth's ecosystems, feeding eight billion people, designing cities for people, raising energy efficiency in homes, offices, and transportation systems, turning to renewable energy, and shifting taxes and subsidies.

Participants in this class will gain an understanding of the exploration of biological principles of natural ecosystems, and how humans affect the environment.

The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., September 23 through November 20.

To register for this class, please contact the Continuing Education office at 814-676-6591, extension 1273, or stop by the office at 215 Frame Hall.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center

Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnist
Lori Secor

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania - Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Wheeler's art exhibit hosted in Rhoades Lounge

An exhibit of work by local artist Joann Wheeler will open with a reception at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2008, in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at Clarion University-Venango Campus. The reception is free and open to the public.

Ms. Wheeler studied at the Carnegie Museum and at the Carnegie-Mellon University School of Fine Arts. She describes her art as "an attempt to match external forms with internal themes," and uses objects found in everyday life.

Her three-dimensional collages and boxes have been exhibited and sold in juried group shows at the Brickbottom Gallery in Somerville, Massachusetts; the Cambridge Art Association in Cambridge, Massachusetts; the Handworks Gallery in Blue Hill, Maine; and De Havilland Fine Art in Boston, Massachusetts. Solo shows include the Cambridge Public Library and the Transit Gallery in Oil City, where she was named Artist of the Month in July, 2004.

A resident of Oil City for twelve

years, Ms. Wheeler was hired to be its Arts Champion in 2006 and has since coordinated the Oil City Arts Revitalization and the Artist Relocation Program. Under her leadership, seven artists have relocated with their families and 21 artists rent space in the National Transit Building.

Ms. Wheeler's exhibit will remain on display through December 2008.

For more information about the exhibit, please contact the Venango Campus Office of Student Affairs at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

Wednesday, September 17 is Constitution Day

These ten facts about the United States constitution were obtained from www.constitutionday.us.

- The U. S Constitution was written in the same Pennsylvania State House where the Declaration of Independence was signed and where George Washington received his commission as Commander of the Continental Army. Now called Independence Hall, the building still stands today on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, directly across from the National Constitution Center.
- Written in 1787, the Constitution was signed on September 17th. But it wasn't until 1788 that it was ratified by the necessary nine states.
- The U.S. Constitution was prepared in secret, behind locked doors

that were guarded by sentries.

- Some of the original framers and many delegates in the state ratifying conventions were very troubled that the original Constitution lacked a description of individual rights. In 1791, Americans added a list of rights to the Constitution. The first ten amendments became known as The Bill of Rights
- Of the 55 delegates attending the Constitutional Convention, 39 signed and three delegates dissented. Two of America's "founding fathers" didn't sign the Constitution. Thomas Jefferson was representing his country in France and John Adams was doing the same in Great Britain.
- Established on November 26, 1789, the first national "Thanksgiving Day" was originally created by George Washington as a way of "giving

thanks" for the Constitution.

- Of the written national constitutions, the U.S. Constitution is the oldest and shortest.
- At 81, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest delegate at the Constitutional Convention and at 26, Jonathon Dayton of New Jersey was the youngest.
- The original Constitution is on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, it was moved to Fort Knox for safekeeping.
- More than 11,000 amendments have been introduced in Congress. Thirty three have gone to the states to be ratified and twenty seven have received the necessary approval from the states to actually become amendments to the Constitution.

Got an idea?
Want your opinion to be heard?
Email the Venango Voice now!
vvoice@clarion.edu



LSC notes open house event, changes in schedule

The Learning Support Center will be hosting its open house Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23-24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

Mark Conrad of Career Services will also be there from 10-10:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. each day for a meet and greet. He will be addressing resume questions and dilemmas.

...

In addition to Learning Support Center tutors Megan Warner, Joni Brinker, Jole Burkett and Melinda Eckman, who were mentioned in last week's *Voice* issue, Shannon Shuffstall and Charity Hansford will join the LSC team. Shuffstall is available Monday, Thursday and Friday, from 9-11 a.m., and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

She is capable of tutoring in the areas of Speech, Writing II, Intro to

Criminal Justice, Math 050, Chem 1, Health, and CIS 217.

Hansford is available on Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. She is capable of tutoring in the areas of A&P 1 and 2, Nursing 101, 111, 112, 102, 131 and 121, and Writing II.

For more information about the open house or the tutor schedule, contact the Learning Support Center in room 318 Montgomery Hall, or email s_tmdulaney@clarion.edu.

**Email us at
voice@clarion.edu**

Chalking policy reminder issued by university

As student groups seek to attract new members, please visit <http://www.clarion.edu/studentrights.pdf> and review the University's posting policy (appendix D).

The section on chalking reads: "Chalking is permitted on campus as a means of advertising events.

Chalking is permitted only on outside, horizontal, exposed surfaces where rain can wash the chalk away.

Chalking is not permitted on vertical surfaces, buildings, under overhangs, or on steps, posts, trees, tables or similar objects."

EVENTS: Venango students invited to Main Street Program

Continued from page 1

information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Daniele Merryman at s_dmerryman@clarion.edu

...

Venango Campus students are invited to a Main Street Program meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Transit Building Great Room, 206 Seneca Street, Oil City. Suzanne Gagliardo, manager of the Community Development Northwest Commission, will give a presentation on the Main Street Program. A planning and brainstorming session will follow.

...

Venango Museum's "Oil on the Brain" series will be held Wednesday, September 17 through Saturday, September 20, from 6-10 p.m., each night in Rhoades Auditorium.

...

The Trustees' Dinner will be held on Thursday, September 18, from 3-8 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge.

...

Indie and folk rock artist Jerome Wincek will perform on Friday, September 19, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Lounge. The performance is sponsored by the CAB Coffeehouse Series.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will hold its "Adopt-a-Highway" event on Saturday, September 20. Students interested in volunteering should meet at PennDOT, Route 8 south of Franklin, at 9 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held the following Saturday, September 27. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Elizabeth Austin at s_eaustin@clarion.edu.

...

Singer/songwriter and guitarist Trina Hamlin will perform on Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center. The performance is sponsored by the CAB Coffeehouse Series.

...

Joann Wheeler will display her art at Rhoades Center through December.

See EVENTS on page 6

SPSEA to hold organizational meeting Thursday

The Venango Campus student chapter of the Pennsylvania State Education Association will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, September 18, at 2:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Lounge.

Are you an education major? Are you undecided but thinking that education may be the program for you? Then SPSEA may be for you.

Students join SPSEA for many reasons, including:

- Meet new people and get involved in campus activities
- Get access to helpful tips and advice that allows you to get a

jumpstart on your career in education

- Enjoy the benefits of a paid membership by receiving discounts at tons of restaurants, hotels, amusement parks, magazine subscriptions, and more
- Plus get \$1 million Liability Insurance for when you are student teaching
- When you enroll in our chapter of SPSEA, you will receive membership into PSEA and NEA
- Get monthly publications from NEA (National Education Association) and PSEA (Pennsylvania

State Education Association), which provide you with up-to-date information about your future career as a teacher

- You will be affiliated with the largest and most well known organization for teachers in the country
- Plus enjoy some of the other benefits that full teacher members of PSEA and NEA enjoy

For more information about the Pennsylvania State Education Association, contact Megan at s_mswarner@clarion.edu or Dr. Foster at efoster@clarion.edu.

CLEP exams are available for 2008-2009 year

By Hope Lineman

Do you feel as if you're taking classes on subjects you already know? If so, CLEP is for you! What is CLEP?

It is the College Level Examination Program which is a way for students to receive credit for what they already know. By earning qualifying scores on any one or more of the 34 CLEP tests, students receive credit for the non-major classes of their choice. The examinations test introductory-level knowledge that corresponds to courses in the disciplines of business, composition and literature, foreign languages, history and social sciences and science and mathematics. While students obtain credit and not a letter grade, the cost is just a fraction of what a normal course would cost. The cost of a CLEP exam is just \$90 including the administration fee. CLEP exams are administered by a Certified CLEP Test Administrator and are completed via the computer right here at Venango Campus, which is an official test site. More than 2,900 institutions accept CLEP for college credit.

What are the student benefits of

taking CLEP exams? First is that it aids in reducing student aid debt and or loan amounts. It also allows for quicker progression to higher-level courses, shortens the time that students have in earning a degree, and it decreases the redundancy of course work. It is also a lower-cost alternative to an extra semester for students who come up short in their final degree check. Most importantly it allows for quicker identification of career goals by helping students move through undergraduate courses and into those related to their majors.

There are benefits to the university as well. When students CLEP out of a course, it allows more available seats in entry-level classes as students are able to take more advanced courses. It offers the advantage of improved "time-to-degree" performance, a measure of institutional accountability. CLEP also allows for a decreased graduate indebtedness, allowing the opportunity for increased alumni giving.

When should you consider taking a CLEP exam? It is recommended that students consider CLEP early in their academic careers. Those students that typically take advantage of CLEP exams are that of transfer, international, returning adult and freshmen students

that have taken accelerated programs during their junior and senior high school years. As you are looking at the courses that you need to take and wondering how you will pay for your education, give yourself a scholarship! Take a CLEP exam and shorten the time it takes to earn a degree, save money, and avoid repeating material you already know.

You may obtain more information on CLEP by visiting the College Board website at www.collegeboard.com/highered/clep or stop by the Continuing Education office at 215 Frame Hall and pick up a student information packet with all of the details on how to prepare and how to register. Please discuss your intention to take a CLEP examination with your advisor in advance of registering for the exam.

The CLEP test dates for the 2008-2009 academic year are:

Fri., Oct. 17	8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 19	8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Fri., Feb. 20	8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Fri., April 17	8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

EVENTS: Vegetarian cooking classes are slated

Continued from page 4

Her three-dimensional collages and boxes have been exhibited and sold in juried group shows in several galleries.

October

Vegetarian Cooking Classes will be offered Wednesday, October 1, and Tuesday, November 4, from 5-7:30 p.m., in the community room of the Student Apartment Complex.

Clarion's Autumn Leaf Festival weekend kicks off Thursday, October 2. Mid-semester break begins at 10 p.m. In addition, the Distinguished Alumni Reception will be held that day at 5 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Thursday, October 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room 307 of Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

Acoustic rock artist Adrienne will perform on Friday, October 3, at 7

p.m., in Rhoades Center.

Transgender singer/songwriter Namoli Brennet will perform on Friday, October 10, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

The Independent Film Series will begin Saturday, October 11, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium. The featured film will be "Sweet Land."

The Outdoor Club will sponsor a Fall Retreat October 16-18. The trip to Ithaca, N.Y., will include waterfall hikes and more. The cost is a \$15, non-refundable fee per person. Spaces are limited. To sign up or for more information, email Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu.

Senator Mary Jo White will hold a Student Government Seminar on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

CLEP testing will take place on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., in room 118 of Frame Hall.

"The Lives of Others" will be shown on Saturday, October 18, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with

the Independent Film Series.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Monday, October 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

The Satellite Seminar Series will begin Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium. The DVD presentation, titled "Lessons From Abroad: Opportunities in a Borderless World," features Dr. Richard Heinzl.

A murder mystery dinner theatre will be held Friday, October 24, from 6-9 p.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center. It will be "an evening to kill for!"

"Turtles Can Fly" will be shown on Saturday, October 25, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

WE HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU!

The *Venango Voice* is recruiting writers, photographers, **graphic designers**, and more!

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! VVOICE@CLARION.EDU

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO Voice

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 4

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Folk rock artist Hamlin to perform

Singer-songwriter Trina Hamlin will appear in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at Clarion University-Venango Campus on Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m., as part of the five-part Coffee House Series offered through the campus' fall cultural arts series. The event is free and open to the public.

Hamlin graduated with a degree in professional music from Burklee College in Boston Massachusetts and began playing with the Blue Leaves in New York City. She has written and co-produced five albums and was chosen as one of the "most wanted new artists" at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival.

Hamlin has performed



Trina Hamlin will perform on Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Lounge.

with Paula Cole, Duncan Sheik, Ricki Lee Jones, and John Hiatt. Her songs have also been featured on Bravo's "Tale Lights", Lifetime's "The Things We Do For Love", MTV's "Real

World", as well as ABC Family's "Beautiful People."

For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

LSC to host open house this week

September

Yoga sessions will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins. With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions

are free.

Cardio-kickboxing sessions will be held every Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m., at the Franklin School of Kung Fu, 845 Buffalo St., Franklin. The sessions are free.

The Learning Support

Center will host an open house event Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23-24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

Mark Conrad of Career Services will be at the

See EVENTS on page 7

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

TRINA HAMLIN	1
EVENTS	1-8
TRASH TALK	2
GREEN CORNER	3
RECYCLE CELL PHONES	3
GRADUATION APPLICATIONS	3
STATE NEWS	4
NATIONAL NEWS	4
WORLD NEWS	5
MARLA HARP	6
CREDIT/NO RECORD	6
LSC OPEN HOUSE	6
CAREER FAIR	7

Renewable energy sources are topic of discussion



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

As fuel prices continue to rise, we hear more and more about renewable energy sources. Everyone from Uncle Bob to the presidential candidates is talking about finding and implementing reliable "clean" power. To get more specific: solar, wind, geothermal, tidal, and biomass.

The next few weeks, I'd like to take a look at each of

these – how they work, pros and cons, and how they are implemented.

I think we are all a little familiar with solar power. We know it can be harnessed – solar covers for swimming pools have been around for years, and I think just about everyone has a solar powered calculator. The amount of solar energy that makes it to the earth's surface is enough to meet the energy needs of the globe more than 8,000 times over! All of that powerful energy is reaching us, whether we take advantage of it or not.

How do we collect solar energy? The most common devices are solar cells, or photovoltaic cells, which are combined into solar panels. They turn sunlight directly into electricity – with no fuel costs, hazardous emissions, or pollution. These cells are used to heat water and to heat homes and other buildings. Photovoltaic (PV) arrays can

be set up anywhere, as large as the user needs it to be since it does not require any additional machinery. One exciting new development with solar cells comes from the Queensland University of Technology. Expected to be available on the market in 2011 are solar windows that are clear, clean energy providers. Build a skyscraper with those and imagine the energy it could produce!

Green water doesn't sound very appealing at first, but think it through: solar water heaters. Heating water is a significant part of a home's overall energy consumption. While it may be more expensive initially than a traditional gas-powered water heater, the benefits in the long run are immeasurable. Conservative estimates of the cost reduction is 50 – 80 percent, not to mention the reduced CO₂ emissions and the security of knowing that while the price of natural gas

continues to climb, sunlight is still free.

The possibilities of solar power are endless. I look forward to seeing what technologies arise in the next several years as more time and money is invested in learning to efficiently harness the power the sun has to offer us. As these technologies advance, the cost to make our homes more energy efficient will lower. Until then, state, local, utility, and federal incentives are available to homeowners and business owners. Information can be found at www.dsireusa.org.

Reference material for this article was found at: www.solarhome.org, planetgreen.discovery.com, www.inhabitant.com, <http://www.solarhome.org/infowhatissolarpower.html>, <http://planetgreen.discovery.com>, <http://www.inhabitant.com/2008/04/14/dyesol-solar-windows/>.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University – Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnist
Lori Secor

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Geese offer life lessons we can all learn from

Lola Deets'...

the Green Corner

Geese flying in a V-formation have always been a welcome sign of spring as well as a sign that heralds the coming of winter.

Not only is this a marvelous sight, but there are some remarkable lessons that we can learn from the flight of geese, because all that they do has significance.

- As each goose flaps its wings, it creates uplift for others behind it.

There is 71 percent more fly range in V-formation than in flying alone.

LESSON: People who share a common direction and sense of purpose can get there more quickly.

- Whenever a goose flies out of formation, it feels drag and tries to get back into position.

LESSON: It's harder to do something alone than together.

- When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the head.

LESSON: Shared leadership and interdependence gives us a chance to lead as well as an opportunity to

rest.

- The geese flying in the rear of the formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

LESSON: Encouragement is motivation. We need to make sure our "honking" is encouraging and not discouraging.

- When a goose gets sick or wounded and falls, two geese fall out and stay with it until it revives or dies. Then they catch up or join another flock.

LESSON: We may all need help from time to time. We should stand by our colleagues in difficult times.

Recycle old cell phones at Venango Book Center

Old, unused cell phones are accepted at the bookstore in the Robert W. Rhoades Center for safe recycling.

Why recycle? Cell phones have a vast amount of toxic components that are devastating to the environment if not disposed of properly. Currently up to 80 percent of old cell phones are

sent to other countries for disposal, and their practices are not environmentally responsible.

There are an estimated 500,000 cell phones sitting around unused in closets and drawers. If they are simply thrown away, they will add about 312,000 pounds of lead to landfills. Please bring

any phones and phone batteries that you, your family, and friends have lying around and help us to make sure that they are recycled responsibly!

Be safe and clear your personal information off your old phone first. Visit www.recellular.com/recycling/data_eraser for easy instructions.

December, Winter grads must apply by October 6

Attention December and Winter Inter-session Graduates:

If you are planning on graduating in December or Winter Intersession 2008, graduation applications are due in the Registrar's Office by October 6. You will need to have your advisor, department chair, and dean sign the graduation application. You must complete a graduation application regardless of whether or not you plan to participate in the commencement ceremony.

Each dean's office will submit received graduation applications for their students to the Registrar's Office on October 6.

Students receiving a double degree (ex. B.S. and B.S.B.A.) must complete a graduation application for each program.

Students receiving a double major (ex. B.S. in Biology and B.S. in Chemistry) only need to complete one graduation application with signatures from both departments.

Graduation applications are available online at the following website: http://www.clarion.edu/registrar/grad_app.shtml.

If you are not planning on graduating in December or Winter Intersession 2008, please make sure your expected graduation term on your Personal Information Form (PIF) is updated and reflects your expected graduation term.

If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar's Office at registrar@clarion.edu.

State

Police, school settle bomb threat suit for \$83K

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A western Pennsylvania high school boy wrongly accused of phoning in a bomb threat has won \$61,000 to pay for his college education.

That's what Hempfield Area Senior High School student Cody Webb will receive for settling his lawsuit

with the school district and state police who charged him in March 2007.

The settlement also includes \$22,000 in attorneys fees and other costs.

Webb was 15 when he spent 12 days in juvenile custody because police thought Webb called Hempfield

Area Senior High School within minutes of the threat.

But a judge threw out the charges after learning the school had not adjusted its clocks for daylight savings time, meaning Webb's cell phone call and threat were made more than an hour apart.

National

Ike leaves Midwest in the dark after rain, winds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Facing a third straight day without power, residents across the Midwest snapped up batteries, generators and coolers as they waited for crews to restore electricity knocked out by the remnants of Hurricane Ike.

In other parts of the Midwest, residents warily eyed rising rivers while other waterlogged communities began cleaning up the wet, stinky mess left behind by floodwaters. Flood warnings remained in effect Wednesday across the region.

As much as 10 inches of rain fell in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri after Ike hit Texas over the weekend. Hurricane-force wind blew in Ohio and Kentucky and a tornado in Arkansas damaged several buildings.

About 1.3 million homes and businesses in Ohio alone remained without electricity Tuesday, and long lines at supermarkets, hardware stores and gas stations were common.

Home Depot stores were short on generators, tarps, gas cans and other emergency supplies because some stock had been sent south to help with hurricane relief in Texas and Louisiana, said Jen King, a spokeswoman for Home Depot Inc.

"I'm pretty well getting empty," said Fred Beckert, who owns Beckert Chain Saw Supply in Zanesville, Ohio, and was having trouble keeping up with the demand for chain saws and generators. He was expecting more shipments later in the week but said the generators coming in already had buyers.

Elsewhere, truckloads of batteries, ice and coolers were selling as soon as they hit the shelves. Grocers and residents alike tried to preserve perishable food.

Lines of people waited for bagged ice at a big's supermarket in Mason, Ohio, and Cincinnati-based Home City Ice Co. was operating 24 hours a day to help meet the heavy demand.

"We've brought in about 160 semi loads of ice from our facilities in neighboring states, and even our managers and computer and accounting people have been bagging and delivering ice," said Jay Stautberg, Home City Ice's chief financial officer.

Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland toured wind-damaged sections of Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus on Tuesday, a day after declaring a state of emergency.

The governors of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Pennsylvania have also declared states of emergency. The

storms brought Ike's death toll to at least 48 in 10 states from the Gulf Coast to the upper Ohio Valley.

The deluge of rain left road crews in northern Indiana working for a third straight day to pump water from swamped lanes of interstates 80/94 and 65.

Other parts of the state were dealing with power outages caused by Ike's high winds. As of Tuesday, more than 100,000 Indiana homes and businesses remained without power, but phone service had been restored.

In Ohio, the state's utilities said they were trying to restore power in the shortest amount of time by prioritizing repairs for circuits that serve the largest numbers of people.

"It's just a matter of which way the wires go and how they were laid out," said Chris Eck, a spokesman for FirstEnergy Corp. in Ohio.

Across Kentucky, power outages still affected nearly 300,000 customers, the state said, down from as many as 600,000 customers at the peak — the state's biggest power outage on record. Louisville Gas & Electric predicted full power restoration in 10 to

See NATIONAL on page 5

*World***Official: 10 dead in attack on US Embassy, Yemen**

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — A car bomb targeting the U.S. Embassy hit the front gate of the compound in Yemen's capital Wednesday, a U.S. spokesman said. A senior Yemeni security official said six Yemeni guards and four civilians were killed.

The Yemeni guards were assigned to sentry duty outside the embassy by the Interior Ministry. The civilians were three Yemenis and one Indian national, the Yemeni security official said.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Ryan Gliha, the embassy spokesman, told The Associated Press by telephone that there was a second explosion that followed the initial one, but did not know what caused it.

Another Yemeni security official said the embassy was hit by two car bombs and that heavy gunfire lasting around 10 minutes followed the blasts.

Several nearby homes were badly damaged by the blasts, he said, but had no information on whether the heavily guarded embassy sustained damage too.

A medical official, meanwhile, said at least seven Yemeni nationals were wounded and taken to the city's Republican hospital. They are residents of a housing compound near the embassy and included children, he said.

Both the security and medical officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information to the media.

Explosions and heavy gunfire were heard near the embassy in the eastern section of San'a and police swiftly cordoned off the area, according to a government security official and an AP reporter at the scene.

Regional TV news networks Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya showed shaky footage of the embassy's area following the blasts, with a heavy cloud of black smoke rising from a spot just beyond concrete blocks painted yellow.

The embassy is ringed by two layers of these blocks, according to San'a residents familiar with the area.

The networks also reported that a fire broke out in one of the embassy's buildings. The AP reporter said a fire truck was seen headed to the scene, but Gliha, the embassy spokesman, denied the report.

The U.S. Embassy in Yemen, which is the ancestral homeland of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, has been the focus of violence in the past. The terror network is active in the impoverished nation in the south and southwestern corner of the Arabian Peninsula.

In March, three mortar rounds targeting the U.S. Embassy crashed into a high school for girls next door, killing a Yemeni security guard and wounding more than a dozen girls.

In March 2002, a Yemeni man lobbed a sound grenade into the U.S. embassy grounds a day after Vice President Dick Cheney made a stop for talks with officials at San'a airport.

The attacker, who allegedly sought to retaliate against what he called American bias toward Israel, was sentenced to 10 years in prison but the sentence was later reduced to seven years.

In 2006, a gunman opened fire outside the embassy but was shot and arrested by Yemeni guards.

The gunman, armed with a Kalashnikov rifle, claimed he wanted to kill Americans.

NATIONAL: State of emergency was declared

Continued from page 4

14 days for their 182,000 affected customers.

Downed lines also knocked out power in western Pennsylvania, where about 64,000 customers remained in the dark early Wednesday. Utilities said they hoped to restore service to a majority of customers by Friday. Butler County, north of Pittsburgh, was under a state of emergency.

Across Illinois, officials said elec-

tricity had been restored to nearly all of the 49,000 left without power in the wake of the storm.

Much of the Chicago area also was returning to normal Tuesday, as floodwaters began to recede. Ike had overwhelmed drainage and sewer systems in northern Illinois.

Elsewhere, some Illinois residents were waiting to return home. In Morris, about 100 people still couldn't reach homes in low-lying areas along the Illinois River, which hit a record when it

topped 24 feet, or 8 feet above flood stage, Assistant Fire Chief Robert Willis said Tuesday.

In suburban Des Plaines, Ill., where more than 1,000 people were displaced by flooding, the Des Plaines River was expected to fall below flood stage Wednesday, the National Weather Service said.

"The recovery process is under way," said Will Soderberg, a city spokesman. "And that should take the rest of the week."

New counselor on campus offers support

By Marla Harp
Counseling Services

Hi! I'm Marla Harp and I am the new personal counselor in Counseling Services. My office is in 234 Montgomery Hall and my extension is 1281. My email address is mharp@clarion.edu. My regular office hours are Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. I am at the Clarion campus Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and my extension is 2255 or you can call 393-2255 if those days work better for you.

I want you all to be aware of upcoming "Wellness Wednesdays" starting in October. I will be addressing some much needed topics to ensure your

mental wellness. October 1 is National Alcohol Screening Day and October 15 is National Depression Screening Day. Both of these days, counseling services will be set up in Rhoades to offer important information, as well as to do screenings. We will be offering food, a giveaway, and a drawing for your participation in the screenings.

If you have concerns that you would like addressed through Wellness Wednesday or in any other fashion, feel free to contact me. I am here for your support. Please feel free to stop by my office to introduce yourself or just say hello.

I look forward to working with everyone at the Venango Campus.

Credit/No Record, Withdrawal forms due

Credit/No Record and Class Withdrawal Forms (which require an advisor's signature) are available in the Academic Department Offices, the Office of the Registrar, 122 Carrier and the Administrative Office, Frame Hall, Venango Campus.

Both forms must be processed in the Office of the Registrar by 4 p.m. on the dates indicated below. Venango Campus students may return their forms to the Administrative Office, Frame Hall.

The Credit/No Record option is available through Friday, September 26.

The requirements for the Credit/No Record Option are available on the

Registrar's web page at: http://www.clarion.edu/registrar/credit_norecord.shtml.

Class Withdrawal is available through Friday, October 24.

Information regarding Class Withdrawal is available on the Registrar's web page at: http://www.clarion.edu/registrar/class_withdraw.shtml

PLEASE NOTE: If you are enrolled in courses you are not attending or do not intend to complete, you must withdraw from the course as soon as possible and no later than Friday, October 24 or a failing grade will be recorded for the affected course(s).

LEARNING SUPPORT CENTER'S TWO-DAY OPEN HOUSE EXTRAVAGANZA

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23-24

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day

318 Montgomery Hall



Snacks and Refreshments!

Door prizes and Information!

Mark Conrad of Career Services will attend!

Come find out what YOU need to SUCCEED!



Fall Campus Recruiting Days Career Fair to be held at Clarion's main campus

Twenty-five employers will participate in the Fall Campus Recruiting Days Career Fair on Wednesday, October 8 and Campus Interviews on October 9 in Gemmell Student Center.

Recruiters are seeking candidates for internships and full-time jobs. A complete listing is available at <http://www.clarion.edu/career/recruit/schedule.pdf> and found at www.clarion.edu/career/campusrecruitingday.

The event is free. Pre-

registration is not required for the Career Fair.

However, those who wish to be considered for an on-campus interview should submit a resume online by the September 30 deadline following the procedure listed at www.clarion.edu/career/campusrecruitingday.

Recruiters scheduled to participate at the Recruiting Days Career Fair include: Abraxas, AFLAC, Alpern Rosenthal, Beard Miller Company LLP, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Kersey & Associates P.C., National

City Bank, Parente Randolph LLC, Premier Therapy, Schoedel, Scullin & Bestic CPAs, SeaWorld, Discovery Cove and Aquatica, U.S. Marine Corps, Walgreens, WLMi Radio Network, MetLife, NHS Human Services, PA State Police, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and many more.

For assistance with resume preparation, contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad by phone at 676-6591, extension 1373, or visit room 230 Montgomery Hall.

EVENTS: "Healthy Meals on a Budget" class slated

Continued from page 1

open house from 10-10:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. each day for a meet and greet. He will be addressing resume questions and dilemmas.

...

Pat McFarland, of Sage Meadow in Clarion, will teach a "Cooking Healthy Meals on a Budget" session on Thursday, September 25, from 6-8 p.m., in the community center of the Venango Campus dorms.

...

Singer/songwriter and guitarist Trina Hamlin will perform on Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center. The performance is sponsored by the CAB Coffeehouse Series.

...

Joann Wheeler will display her art at Rhoades Center through December.

Her three-dimensional collages and boxes have been exhibited and sold in juried group shows in several galleries.

...

October

Vegetarian Cooking Classes will be offered Wednesday, October 1, and Tuesday, November 4, from 5-7:30 p.m., in the community room of the Student Apartment Complex.

...

Clarion's Autumn Leaf Festival weekend kicks off Thursday, October 2. Mid-semester break begins at 10 p.m. In addition, the Distinguished Alumni Reception will be held that day at 5 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Thursday, October 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room 307 of Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or

Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

...

Acoustic rock artist Adrienne will perform on Friday, October 3, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

...

Transgender singer/songwriter Namoli Brennet will perform on Friday, October 10, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

...

The Independent Film Series will begin Saturday, October 11, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium. The featured film will be "Sweet Land."

...

The Outdoor Club will sponsor a Fall Retreat October 16-18. The trip to Ithaca, NY, will include waterfall hikes and more. The cost is a \$15,

See EVENTS on page 8

EVENTS: Senator White to hold seminar Oct. 17

Continued from page 7

non-refundable fee per person. Spaces are limited. To sign up or for more information, email Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu.

Senator Mary Jo White will hold a Student Government Seminar on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

CLEP testing will take place on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., in room 118 of Frame Hall.

"The Lives of Others" will be shown on Saturday, October 18, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Monday, October 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

The Satellite Seminar Series will begin Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium. The DVD presentation, titled "Lessons From Abroad: Opportunities in a Borderless World," features Dr. Richard Heinzl.

A murder mystery dinner theatre will be held Friday, October 24, from 6-9 p.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center. It will be "an evening to kill for!"

"Turtles Can Fly" will be shown on

Saturday, October 25, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor the Central Blood Bank Bloodmobile on Wednesday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Rhoades Gymnasium. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Elizabeth Austin at s_edAustin@clarion.edu.

The Radiologic Science department will hold a breakfast on Friday, October 31, at 8 a.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center.

Attention Nursing Students...

An opening is available at the Golden Living Center, 81 N. Dillon Dr., Titusville. Applicant must be PA certified, have solid work ethics and have good references.

For more information or assistance with resume preparation, contact Mark Conrad, coordinator of Career Services, at 676-6591, extension 1373, or at room 230 Montgomery Hall.

WE HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU!

The *Venango Voice* is recruiting *writers*,
photographers, **graphic designers**, and more!

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



Indie rock artist Adrienne to perform

Singer-songwriter Adrienne will appear in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at Clarion University-Venango Campus on Friday, October 3, at 7 p.m., as part of the five-part Coffee House Series offered through the campus' fall cultural arts series. The event is free and open to the public.

Adrienne is a talented singer-songwriter from Los Angeles, whose debut album made it on Performing Songwriter magazines' top 12 "Do It Yourself" recording. She has recently finished her European tour and is now touring America. Her songs have been featured on the television shows "Men in Trees," "Studio 60," "Dawson's Creek" and "One Tree



Adrienne will perform on Friday, October 3, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Lounge.

Hill."

In 2006 Adrienne released her fourth full-length album. She has performed with artists such as Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne,

Michelle Malone, and Melissa Ferrick.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

Art exhibit on display through Dec.

September

Joann Wheeler will display her art at Rhoades Center through December. Her three-dimensional collages and boxes have been exhibited and sold in juried group shows in several galleries.

...

Yoga sessions will be

held every Thursday, at 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall.

Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins. With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions are free.

...

Cardio-kickboxing sessions will be held every Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m., at the Franklin School of Kung Fu, 845 Buffalo St., Franklin. The sessions are free.

...

See EVENTS on page 8

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

ADRIANNE	1
EVENTS	1-8
JOB POSTINGS	2
CAREER SERVICES	2
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE	3
APPLEFEST VOL- UNTEERS	3
STATE NEWS	4
NATIONAL NEWS	4
WORLD NEWS	5
MARLA HARP	6
ALCOHOL SCREENING	6
BREAST CANCER MONTH	6
PTK FUNDRAISER	7

Job opportunities exist for Venango students

National Fuel currently has employment opportunities for General Fitters to work at the Oil City Service Center, located at 1 Relief Street, Oil City.

Candidates must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and the ability to drive and operate a van or small truck. Customer Service personnel are responsible for a variety of customer service functions including investigation of leak complaints and emergency leak response. General Fitters may

also be responsible for the installation and repair of main and service lines and meters. The position requires a valid driver's license, and experience in plumbing, heating, air conditioning or a related field. Experience in underground construction and equipment operation is preferred. National Fuel offers a competitive wage and benefits package.

Applicants must live within a 20-mile radius of the Oil City Service Center or be willing to relocate.

Candidates responding to this ad must refer to the job title General Fitter, position #08-033PA in their correspondence.

For confidential consideration, please mail your resume and cover letter by September 29, 2009 to: National Fuel Gas Company, Human Resources Department, General Fitter, Position #08-033PA, P.O. Box 2081, Erie, PA 16512. Or, e-mail resume and cover letter to: jobs@natfuel.com.

jobs@natfuel.com....

An opportunity is available for nursing students interested in applying to get the C.N.A. credential. The Caring Place is always seeking aides, so opportunity exists for students to work there while in school.

For more information about either position and for resume preparation assistance, please contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad in room 230 Montgomery Hall, or at 676-6591, ext. 1373.

Student attests to helpful service at Career Center

Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad welcomes all students to take advantage of the Career Center and the services available. The Center provides career assessment and interest inventories, career exploration, job search skills, resume review-interviewing skills, on-campus job fairs, employment workshops, and more. Free USB flash drives are still available at the Career Center for students who wish to fine tune their resume.

Student Senate president and PTK member Jaime Renwick took advantage

of the services at the Career Center and had this to say about the assistance she received there:

"Mark Conrad helped me out a lot. He is a very professional, knowledgeable man. I learned more about how to build a resume in the hour I spent with him than in all of the years I have been working on my resume. I expect this to better my chances of getting a job after I graduate since my resume now includes the correct wording, format, and so forth, that most employers look for," said Renwick.

"I strongly suggest that all students who need their resume updated go see

Mark prior to sending it out to anyone. Mark will guide you on the style, format, wording, etc., and make sure it is correct. Having the Career Center on campus is very convenient for those students who are already here and can just stop by. So, stop by and see Mark Conrad, and you'll even receive a free flash drive with the help of his resume building experience!"

Contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad today at 676-6591, ext. 1373, in room 230 of Montgomery Hall, or by e-mail at mconrad@clarion.edu.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnists
Lori Secor Marla Harp Lola Deets

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania - Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Clarion University releases construction updates

The Clarion University Office of Finance and Administration has provided an update on the major construction projects underway at Clarion University.

Pedestrian advisory: With the beginning of a new academic year, people take shortcuts to save time. This includes walking on the road next to construction sites rather than on sidewalks or crosswalks. This is dangerous under the best of circumstances, but more so with the additional vehicles brought by a heightened level of construction activity. Don't take chances. Take a few extra minutes and walk in authorized pedestrian pathways around construction sites and elsewhere on campus.

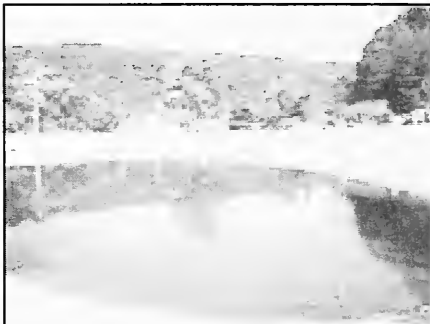
At Venango Campus, the West End Pond has reached its six-foot deep end height, and seeding has been complete. The lights are in place and wiring is being done. Preparations are underway to install the bridge and gazebo.

Also at Venango Campus, all of

the underground drains have been set and pins are set for the floor pour in the Rhoades Gymnasium. Overhead plumbing for showers and sinks is installed, and wall studs are going in. Dry wall has also been installed.

More information about construction can be found in the minutes of the regular meetings of the Facilities Planning Committee and Parking Committee at <http://www.clarion.edu/admin/facilitiesmanagement/planning/facplancomm.shtml> or http://www.clarion.edu/admin/parking/Parking_Committee_Minutes/Parking_Committee_Minutes_Cover_Page.htm.

Naming opportunities are available for projects.



The West End Pond has reached its six-foot deep end height. Construction and installation there continue.

For additional information about supporting Clarion's building program, contact Jean Wolf, associate vice president for development, at (814) 393-2572.

Several volunteers are needed for Applefest on October 3-5

The Community Relations Committee of Venango Campus will be sponsoring an information booth at the 2008 Applefest in Franklin, PA.

Volunteers are needed Friday through Sunday, October 3-5, at the event.

The two-hour time slots needed to be filled are: 9-11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1-3 p.m., and 3-5 p.m., each day.

The Clarion University-Venango Campus booth will be located along 12th Street, facing the Venango County Courthouse.

This event is an opportunity to

fulfill service hours or a service project for clubs and organizations.

Franklin's 26th annual Applefest will feature arts and crafts, food, free entertainment, and more than 300 vendors. New to the event this year will be the Pennsylvania Preferred Best Chef Regional Competition. As always, the weekend will hold the Applefest 5K, an Apple Pancake Breakfast, an Antique and Classic Car Show, an Apple Pie Eating Contest, and more.

For more information, contact Theresa Nestor at 676-6591, ext. 1211, or e-mail tnestor@clarion.edu.

Have an idea?
Is something missing?
Got the inside scoop?
Let Us Know!

E-mail
voice@clarion.edu

State

Pa. mom admits helping son build weapons cache

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A woman admitted she helped her troubled, bullied 14-year-old son build a cache of weapons by buying a rifle and gunpowder, but investigators still don't know if she was aware her son was planning a deadly school attack.

Michele Cossey, 46, pleaded guilty in Montgomery County Court to one count of child endangerment. She admitted that she gave him access to a rifle with a laser scope and gunpowder, which investigators said he was using to build grenades.

Her son, Dillon, planned an assault last year on Plymouth White-marsh High School, which some former schoolmates attended. Cossey, bullied over his weight, had left public school in seventh grade and was being home-schooled. Over time, he fueled his revenge fantasies through violent Internet sites, his defense lawyer said after his juvenile court plea.

Authorities did not think the school attack was imminent, but the boy did amass an arsenal — knives, swords, BB guns, the rifle and partly assembled homemade grenades — in his bedroom at his Plymouth Township home.

Police learned of the planned attack when Cossey invited a friend to

join him. The friend went to police last fall.

Dillon Cossey is in a juvenile treatment facility, where he could remain until his 21st birthday.

Michelle Cossey's sentencing won't occur for at least three months until a psychiatric evaluation is completed. The maximum possible prison term is 3-1/2 to 7 years, but defense lawyer Tim Woodward said she could get less than a year — or even probation — under sentencing guidelines.

Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney Christopher Parisi said he doesn't know if Cossey knew about her son's attack plans, but that he hopes to learn that before sentencing.

"If it were to come out that she knew he was planning an attack ... that would certainly increase the severity of the crime," he said.

The judge who sentenced Dillon Cossey said that Michele Cossey had fostered a "me-and-mom-against-the-world" attitude in her only child. Parisi said he thought she was trying to "to boost his self-esteem, and in some way help the child, as misplaced as those thoughts may have been."

Woodward said: "I think it is easy to have a bunker mentality when your

son is constantly being picked on by punks at school. Who wouldn't circle the wagons?"

Michelle Cossey used a walker coming into court and wept after stating her guilty plea. Woodward described her as emotionally "fragile," especially over her son's absence from the home.

She now has twice-a-month supervised visits with him, Woodward said. "Her ultimate goal is to be reunited with her son," the attorney said. "She does admit that she made some mistakes."

The Cossey family once ran a hoagie shop near the county courthouse in Norristown.

The boy's father, Frank, sat beside his wife as she entered the plea. He had tried to buy their son a rifle in December 2005, but was stymied by a prior felony conviction, which he failed to note on the application. The omission led to a house arrest sentence for lying about his criminal record.

The boy who tipped off police was praised for averting an attack and later met President Bush — only to be arrested himself, along with two others juveniles, for later breaking into the Cossey home to steal video games, air guns and other items.

National

Ike-battered Galveston allows residents to return

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Thousands of residents streamed back to their storm-battered island city, many for the first time since fleeing the wrath of Hurricane Ike nearly two weeks ago.

Huge lines of traffic backed up on the one major highway leading into Galveston, but things appeared to go smoothly once the city of about

57,000 started letting people in about 6 a.m. Many people had been waiting in their cars along Interstate 45 since before dawn.

Police officers were stationed to direct traffic at major intersections where signal lights were ripped away by the hurricane's 110-mile-per-hour wind and 12-foot storm surge on Sept. 13.

Ruben Rosas, 74, one of those who

had fled to San Antonio, had joined the line on I-45 at about 3 a.m. Once he reached his first-floor apartment located on a bayou, he found that the walls and nearly all his possessions were gone. He did find a large cross that had been on his father's coffin and a small "King of Dads" statue his kids gave him when they were young.

"This is just sad, but the good

World

Pakistan finds suspected US spy drone wreckage

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The Pakistani army said it found the wreckage of a suspected U.S. spy plane near the Afghan border, but denied claims that it had been shot down.

The incident comes amid strained ties between Washington and Islamabad over a series of missile strikes from American drones at suspected militants targets on the Pakistani side of the border.

In more signs that the militancy was escalating, a suicide bomber killed an 11-year-old girl and wounded 11 troops in the frontier city of Quetta while security forces killed 20 militants in another border zone.

A militant group that claimed responsibility for last weekend's Marriott hotel bombing threatened more attacks. The warning came in a cell phone message sent to reporters.

"All those who will facilitate Americans and NATO crusaders ... will keep on receiving the blows," said the message from the group calling itself "Fedayeen al-Islam" or "Islam commandos."

Authorities were not immediately available to comment on the threat.

The Pakistan army statement said security forces had recovered the crashed surveillance aircraft. It said a technical problem appeared to have brought it down and that it was investigating further.

The U.S.-led coalition in Af-

ghanistan said one of its drones, which can be equipped with video surveillance equipment, went down in the Afghan province bordering Waziristan. But it said coalition forces retrieved it and that no others were missing. The CIA also operates drones in the region.

Three Pakistani intelligence officials earlier had said troops and tribesmen had shot down the drone late Tuesday near Jalal Khel, a village in Pakistan's South Waziristan region.

Confirmation of Pakistani forces firing on U.S. troops or aircraft could trigger a crisis in relations between the two countries, who are close but uncomfortable allies in the American-led war on terrorism.

Pakistani leaders are condemning stepped-up American operations across the border from Afghanistan — especially a highly unusual raid into South Waziristan by U.S. commandos on Sept. 3.

The government says it is trying to resolve the dispute diplomatically.

However, the army has vowed to defend Pakistan's territory "at all cost," and Tuesday's incident was at least the third this month in which Pakistani troops have reportedly opened fire to counter an incursion.

President Bush did not directly refer to the incursions after he met his Pakistani counterpart, Asif Ali Zardari, for the first time in New York on Tuesday.

"Your words have been very strong about Pakistan's sovereign right and

sovereign duty to protect your country, and the United States wants to help," Bush said.

The three Pakistani intelligence officials said the drone was hit after circling for several hours. Wreckage was strewn on the ground, they said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

A senior U.S. official challenged the account. "We're not aware of any drones being down," said the official, who also asked for anonymity because of the diplomatic sensitivity of the issue.

American officials have been pressing Pakistan to take stiffer action against militants in its tribal belt, a wild mountainous region considered a staging ground for attacks in Afghanistan and Pakistan, including Saturday's massive truck bombing of the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad that killed 53 people.

Pakistan insists it is doing what it can and complains that cross-border raids fuel Islamic extremism.

Troops are already locked in grinding campaigns against militants in three regions of the northwest. Hundreds have died and more than 500,000 were forced to flee their homes.

Militant warlords have established virtual mini-states in the tribal belt, levying taxes and enforcing strict Taliban-style social codes and justice.

Got an opinion? We want to hear it!
Send your signed letters to the editor to:
voice@clarion.edu

Support is available for military family, friends

**By Marla Harp
Counseling Services**

With the recent deployment of our servicemen in Oil City, it is quite apparent that many of us at the Venango Campus may have been or will be soon affected by deployment. If this pertains to you, we want to help.

Starting October 8 in Rhoades Lounge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will

be a support group for you to come and meet others facing the same concerns.

We are looking to assist you in any way possible.

If your loved one has already left, you are faced with numerous details that may seem overwhelming and sometimes the best help is knowing there is support (and where to find that support).

Our hope is that you

will bring ideas of the information that would benefit you the most, share your concerns, and realize that others are there for you if you feel alone.

Hear from others who have experienced this before and will face it again.

This is a difficult time and we want to help.

If you have any other questions or would like to

find out more information about the group, feel free to contact Marla Harp, Counseling Services, at extension 1281.

If you can't make it during the time scheduled or for only part of the listed time, that is okay. Let us know your interest. We would like to make this an ongoing opportunity for your support.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Q: What is cancer?

A: Cancer is a disease that occurs when cells become abnormal and divide without control or order. Each organ in the body is made up of various kinds of cells. Cells normally divide in an orderly way to produce more cells only when they are needed. This process helps keep the body healthy. If cells divide when new cells are not needed, they form too much tissue. This extra tissue, called a tumor, can be benign or malignant.

- Benign tumors are not cancer. Eighty percent of all breast tumors are benign. They can usually be removed,

and, in most cases, they don't come back. Most important, the cells in benign tumors do not invade other tissues and do not spread to other parts of the body. Benign breast tumors are not life-threatening.

- Malignant tumors are cancer. The cancer cells grow and divide out of control, invading and damaging nearby tissues and organs. Cancer cells can also break away from the original tumor and enter the bloodstream or lymphatic system. This is how breast cancer spreads and forms secondary tumors in other parts of the body. This spread of cancer is called metastasis.

Q: What is breast cancer?

A: Breast cancer is cancer that forms in tissues of the breast, usually the ducts (tubes that carry milk to the nipple) and lobules (glands that make milk). It occurs in both men and women, although male breast cancer is rare.

Q: How many new cases of breast cancer were estimated in the United States in 2007?

A: New cases of breast cancer in the United States are estimated to be 178,480 (female); 2,030 (male). Of these an estimated 40,460 (female)

See **CANCER** on page 7

Free alcohol screenings are offered to students

The Counseling Center will be offering free, confidential alcohol screenings at Clarion University-Venango Campus on Wednesday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Rhoades Center Lounge.

Professional counselors will be on hand to give instant results. The event is open to students, staff, and faculty.

If unable to attend the scheduled free screening, please call Counseling Services at 814-393-2255 to schedule a time that is convenient.

The program is part of National Alcohol Screening Day and is sponsored by Counseling Services, Keeling Health Center, and Health Promotions.

Phi Theta Kappa holds fall Stromboli fundraiser

Phi Theta Kappa's fall fundraiser is taking place now through Wednesday, October 8.

Jane's Strombolis are for sale for \$2.50 each and are available in five different varieties: Broccoli and Cheese; Pepperoni and Cheese; Combo – Ham, Salami, Pepperoni, Green Peppers, Onions and Cheese; Deluxe – Sweet Sausage, Green Pep-

pers, Onions and Cheese; and Chicken, Peppers, Onions and Cheese. All meat Stromboli contain mozzarella and provolone cheeses. Broccoli Stromboli contain mozzarella, provolone, and cheddar cheeses.

Strombolis are individually wrapped and delivered frozen. The delivery date is Monday, October 20, at approximately 1 p.m. All strombolis

must be picked up before 6 p.m.

Money must be collected at the time of order. Order forms are available from any PTK member or in the administrative office of Frame Hall and the Nursing Office of Montgomery Hall.

For more information, contact VP of Fundraising Daniele Merryman at s_dmmerryman@clarion.edu.

CANCER: More than 180,000 cases were estimated

Continued from page 6

and 450 (male) will die from the disease. (National Cancer Institute figures).

Q: How common is breast cancer in the United States?

A: Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, aside from skin cancer.

Q: What are the treatments for breast cancer?

A: The basic treatment choices for breast cancer are surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, and hormonal therapy, which may or may not be included in the treatment regimen, depending on hormonal involvement in the growth of the tumor. Local treatments such as breast surgery and radiation therapy are focused on the breast itself to remove or destroy the cancer cells confined to the breast. Systemic treatment such as chemotherapy aims to destroy the cancer cells that may have spread throughout the body.

Newer experimental treatments include biologically targeted therapies which currently are only available through clinical trials. A patient and his/her physician will choose the treatment that is right for him/her, based on the location and extent of the cancer,

patient's age and preferences, and the risks and benefits of each treatment.

Q: What are the breast cancer "risk factors"?

A: To predict when and in whom breast cancer will occur, scientists must often think like detectives, looking for clues to signal which women may be more likely than others to develop the disease. These clues are called "risk factors."

To identify risk factors, scientists continually examine various trends and patterns among women worldwide who are diagnosed with the disease. Age, individual and family medical history, reproductive history, genetic alterations, race, economic status, environmental exposures to pollutants, and lifestyle habits are all examples of the factors that can be evaluated. This information tells a scientific story that helps experts predict with some certainty a woman's odds for developing breast cancer. It's important to note, however, that this is not an exact science and that such predictions are not definite.

Having one or two of these risk factors doesn't mean a woman will develop breast cancer. But knowing her personal risk factor profile and understanding what it means will help her and her doctor plan a course of action that may reduce her chances of developing the dis-

ease or, at least, to detect it in its earliest, most treatable stages.

Q: Is mammography reliable as a screening tool for breast cancer?

A: Mammography screening remains the best available method to detect breast cancer early. In 1992, the U.S. Congress passed the Mammography Quality Standards Act to ensure that mammography facilities throughout the country are of high quality and reliable. To lawfully perform mammography, each facility must prominently display a certificate issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This certificate serves as evidence that the facility meets quality standards.

Q: How can women get low-cost or free mammograms?

A: For information on low- or no cost mammography screening, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at (888) 842-6355 or visit their Web site at www.cdc.gov. Women seeking mammograms at a reduced rate are urged to make their appointment early in the year, as space may be limited. To find a breast-imaging facility, contact the National Cancer Institute at (800) 4-CANCER.

For additional information, access www.cancer.org, or www.nbcam.org.

EVENTS: Vegetarian cooking class slated for Oct. 1

Continued from page 1

October

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. For more information, log on to www.nbcam.org.

Vegetarian Cooking Classes will be offered Wednesday, October 1, and Tuesday, November 4, from 5-7:30 p.m., in the community room of the Student Apartment Complex.

Clarion's Autumn Leaf Festival weekend kicks off Thursday, October 2. Mid-semester break begins at 10 p.m. In addition, the Distinguished Alumni Reception will be held that day at 5 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Thursday, October 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room 307 of Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

Acoustic rock artist Adrienne will perform on Friday, October 3, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

Mid-semester break ends on Monday, October 6, at 8 a.m.

Transgender singer/songwriter Namoli Brennet will perform on Friday, October 10, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

The Independent Film Series will begin Saturday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium. The

featured film will be "Sweet Land."

Wednesday, October 15 is National Depression Screening Day. For more information, contact Venango Campus counselor Marla Harp at 676-6591, extension 1281.

The Outdoor Club will sponsor a Fall Retreat October 16-18. The trip to Ithaca, NY, will include waterfall hikes and more. The cost is a \$15, non-refundable fee per person. Spaces are limited. To sign up or for more information, email Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu.

Senator Mary Jo White will hold a Student Government Seminar on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

CLEP testing will take place on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., in room 118 of Frame Hall.

"The Lives of Others" will be shown on Saturday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold an informal induction ceremony on Monday, October 20, at 5 p.m. The event was postponed from September 15. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Monday, October 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

The Satellite Seminar Series will begin Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium. The DVD presentation, titled "Lessons From Abroad: Opportunities in a Borderless World," features Dr. Richard Heinzl.

A murder mystery dinner theatre will be held Friday, October 29, from 6-9 p.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center. It will be "an evening to kill for!"

"Turtles Can Fly" will be shown on Saturday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor the Central Blood Bank Bloodmobile on Wednesday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Rhoades Gymnasium.

For more information, contact PTK President Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Elizabeth Austin at s_edaustin@clarion.edu.

The Radiologic Science department will hold a breakfast on Friday, October 31, at 8 a.m. in the lounge at Rhoades Center.

November

"Chronicle of an Escape" will be shown on Saturday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhoades Auditorium in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR PAPER, YOUR VOICE

VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 6

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

Namoli Brennet will sing on Oct. 10

Singer-songwriter Namoli Brennet will appear in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at Clarion University-Venango Campus on Friday, October 10, at 7 p.m., as part of the five-part Coffee House Series offered through the campus' fall cultural arts series. The event is free and open to the public.

Namoli Brennet has toured the country many times over, making stops at the San Diego Indie Music Fest, DC Pride, The Bitter End in New York, Boston's Club Passim, and hundreds of coffee shops, clubs, festivals, colleges, and house concerts.

Along the way she has had the privilege of sharing the stage with Melissa Ferrick, Jill Sobule, Michelle Shocked, and spoken-word artist Alix Olson.

Namoli has been described as one of the most original and exciting voices to emerge on



Namoli Brennet will perform on Friday, October 10, at 7 p.m., in the Rhoades Lounge.

the music scene in recent years. She has performed several times in the Oil City area to an increasing fan base. Namoli's music resonates with authenticity and her desire to help create a more compas-

sionate, understanding world is made transparent by her songs and interactions with others.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

NAMOLI BRENNET	1
TRASH TALK	2
JOB POSTINGS	3
EVENTS	3-8
STATE NEWS	4
NATIONAL NEWS	4
WORLD NEWS	5
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	6
2008 WASH DAY	7
CONCERT TICKETS	7
THANK YOU	7

Wind energy decreases emissions, saves money



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

Travel east along the Pennsylvania turnpike and you will see six 215-foot-high wind turbines. Operational for about seven years, this is just one of the 295 wind energy projects in Pennsylvania.

Ranked 16th in the nation, Pennsylvania has an

additional 272 projects under construction. All across America, wind energy is getting a great deal of interest and attention, and rightly so. Wind farms produce pollution-free electricity without depleting natural resources or using large amounts of water during operation.

What kind of bang do you get for your buck? Take, for example, Spirit Lake, Iowa. A turbine constructed at the local elementary school provides all of their electricity needs; the excess feeds into the local utility system, earning the school district \$25,000 in the first five years of operation.

Offshore turbines, as demonstrated by Denmark, Sweden, the UK, Netherlands, and Ireland, can also utilize wind energy. Ger-

many will join their ranks this year with the first of their 22 planned projects. There are projects in the talking and planning phases here in the U.S. as well.

Delaware hopes to be the first in the states to have their offshore project up and running - scheduled to be completed in 2012. New Jersey and Rhode Island are not far behind.

As with any alternative energy source, there are downsides. Some argue the production of the wind turbines does give off CO2 emissions, and seriously alters the benefits of using them in the first place. In actuality, wind power creates 98 percent less CO2 emissions compared to coal, and 99 percent less compared to natural gas.

What about all those

poor birds that are unfortunate enough to fly too close to the turbines? American Wind Energy Alliance has actually conducted a study to look into it and study the impact on our avian friends. Amazingly enough, more birds die via cell phone towers and high-tension lines. Besides, in my opinion, the birds are better off losing a few of their numbers to a turbine than losing millions as the result of climate change due to carbon emissions.

Wind energy has the potential to provide 20 percent of the total electricity needed in the U.S. by 2030.

Reference material for this article was found at:
<http://www.awea.org>; http://www.awea.org/pubs/factsheets/Offshore_fact_sheet.pdf;
<http://www.nrdc.org>

Got an opinion? We want to hear it!
Send your signed letters to the editor to:
vvoice@clarion.edu

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Columnists

Lori Secor Marla Harp Lola Deets

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Many job opportunities are available for students

If you desire to stay in this area, then consider working for one of Venango County's premier manufacturing companies.

Electralloy has announced an entry level opening laboratory technician. The successful candidate will perform semi-routine lab assignments of some complexity and variety under minimum supervision; assist in the development and implementation of new and/or revised procedures, methods, processes, material equipment, formulation, etc.; analyze data and prepare written reports.

An understanding of the practical aspects of steel laboratory production chemistry is desirable. Math skills are highly recommended. Candidates will be required to work all shifts. College education is preferred, but not required. Ellectralloy has an excellent salary and fringe benefit program. Send resume including salary requirements to: Human Resource Department, Ellectralloy, 175 Main Street, Oil City, PA 16301.

There is an opening for a receptionist and fiscal assistant at a Seneca location.

The position is a clerical/accounting position involving the application of bookkeeping principles and practices. The position requires an Act 34 Clearance and one of the following: an associate degree from an accredited university or college in accounting or

business administration, including no less than six credits in accounting, which would include payroll; two years of proven experience performing bookkeeping, payroll, clerical, and accounting work; or any equivalent combination of experience and training.

See the full details at www.cwds.state.pa.us. Review your resume on that website to ensure it's updated. Please verify that it answers all the employer's job criteria.

The Pennsylvania State Capitol Police is looking for qualified men and women to join their ranks as Capitol Police Officers in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Through a Statewide recruitment effort, the Capitol Police expect to add at least 25 officers to their ranks by 2009. Salaries start at \$34,488.

Applicants must possess a valid Pennsylvania operator's license; be a resident of Pennsylvania and a U.S. citizen and be 21 years of age upon appointment.

Additionally, applicants must possess current MPOETC certification OR have successfully completed training at a MPOETC certified police academy and pass the MPOETC certification exam prior to date of appointment; as well as successfully complete a background investigation, polygraph examination, drug test and physical examination.

The Capitol Police would espe-

cially like to encourage veteran law enforcement officers to consider a "second career" with them. We currently offer competitive medical benefits and retirement packages.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you are interested in a Law Enforcement Career with the Pennsylvania State Capitol Police but DO NOT have MPOETC training, alternatives may exist that could still result in a full-time position as a Capitol Police Patrol Officer. Please contact the Capitol Police directly at 717-787-9013 to discuss these alternatives.

The following web sites provide additional information: Department of General Services at www.dgs.state.pa.us; and State Civil Service Commission at www.scs.state.pa.us.

The Capitol Police Department is accredited by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is an equal opportunity employer.

For resume preparation assistance or for more information about any of these employment opportunities, please contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at 676-6591, extension 1373, or visit room 230 in Montgomery Hall.

"Sweet Land" kicks off Independent Film Series

October

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. For more information, log on to www.nbcam.org.

Mid-semester break ends on Monday, October 6, at 8 a.m.

Transgender singer/songwriter Namoli Brennet will perform on Friday,

October 10, at 7 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

The Independent Film Series will begin Saturday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium. The featured film will be "Sweet Land."

Wednesday, October 15 is National Depression Screening Day. For more

information, contact Venango Campus counselor Marla Harp at 676-6591, extension 1281.

The Outdoor Club will sponsor a Fall Retreat October 16-18. The trip to Ithaca, NY, will include waterfall hikes and more. The cost is a \$15,

See EVENTS on page 6

State

Pa. courts greatly expand pool of potential jurors

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) Avoiding jury duty just got much harder in Pennsylvania.

The state court system on Wednesday began providing counties with a greatly expanded list of names from which juries will be selected.

The 11.5 million name list was

developed following passage of a new state law last year.

Chief Justice Ronald Castille says anyone who votes, pays taxes, drives a car or receives welfare or food stamps is on the list.

He says the idea is to enhance the administration of justice by improving

the jury system.

It's the first such statewide list ever established in Pennsylvania, and it'll be updated yearly.

Authorities caution that some duplication of names is inevitable but hope the new list will make juries more diverse.

National

The new bailout pitch is... It is NOT a bailout

WASHINGTON (AP) The Bush administration is searching for a new way to sell its financial rescue plan after acknowledging some blunders and missteps in presenting it the first time around. One big key: Insist it's not a Wall Street "bailout."

Now it's not about financial institutions. The focus has switched to everyday Americans. And it's not an expenditure of taxpayer money, it's an "investment."

This was clearly evident in Bush's grim warnings on Tuesday of "economic hardship for millions" if the plan can't be revived. He declared, "For the financial security of every American, Congress must act."

This emphasis was echoed on the presidential campaign trail.

"Let's not call it a bailout. Let's call it a rescue," said Republican John McCain.

Democratic rival Barack Obama said, "This is no longer just a Wall Street crisis — it's an American crisis, and it's the American economy that needs this rescue plan."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's take: Its not a bailout but "a buy in, so that we can turn our economy around." Bush, McCain, Obama and top congressional leaders agree the plan — which would nationalize large numbers of bad mortgages and securities tied to them — is needed to unclench

the nation's financial arteries.

But it proved extremely unpopular across the country and was rejected on Monday in the House, a stunning setback to the administration that led to a dizzying 778-point plunge in the Dow Jones industrials. The Dow bounced back 485 on Tuesday amid word of efforts to salvage the plan.

Language seemed to matter.

An AP-Knowledge Networks poll last week that asked whether people supported Bush's proposed federal "bailout" of financial institutions found only 30 percent backing it. Surveys by the non-partisan Pew Research Center that asked whether people support "investing" or "committing" billions to keep markets secure found slightly more favoring the plan than opposing it.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto agreed the administration's initial efforts to explain the legislation to Congress and the public left something to be desired.

"We need to be able to better demonstrate that there are impacts for American families, for retirees, for small businesses, for larger businesses who are hiring, for our banking system, for the ability to get home loans, for businesses to be able to make their payrolls, their small-business accounts," Fratto said.

He said "it's a hard thing to do" because of the complexity of both the problem and the solution. "There are four or

five steps involved ... before you get to the kitchen table of the average American family and how it affects them."

Bush was trying on Tuesday.

"The dramatic drop in the stock market that we saw yesterday will have a direct impact on retirement accounts, pension funds and personal savings of millions of our citizens," he said.

From the initial three-page request by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson for unchecked powers to spend up to \$700 billion with no oversight to the confusing explanations for why the plan was needed, the Bush administration's sales pitch has followed a rocky path.

Perhaps because he was the former CEO of investment bank Goldman Sachs, Paulson talked to lawmakers about the plan in Wall Street-speak.

The treasury secretary and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke spent more than 10 hours before congressional committees last week trying to explain to skeptical lawmakers why the rescue package was not a Wall Street bailout.

It was not an easy sell, in part because Paulson and Bernanke occupy jobs where most of the time they go

See NATIONAL on page 5

World

Suspected US missile strike kills 6 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A missile strike by a suspected U.S. drone killed at least six people in a Pakistani tribal region near the Afghan border, two Pakistani intelligence officials said Wednesday.

American forces recently ramped up cross-border operations against Taliban and al-Qaida militants in Pakistan's wild border zone, a possible hiding place for Osama bin Laden.

The attacks have drawn stiff protests from Islamabad, an uneasy ally in Washington's seven-year war on terror, particularly since a highly unusual Sept. 3 raid by U.S. ground troops in the South Waziristan region.

The two intelligence officials said the missiles struck the home of a local Taliban commander before midnight Tuesday near Mir Ali, a town in the North Waziristan region.

The officials, citing reports from their field agents, said six people were killed. Both officials asked for anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media. They said a U.S. drone aircraft — not Pakistani forces — fired the missiles. They did not identify any of the victims.

Pakistani leaders insist only their

forces are allowed to carry out operations inside Pakistan, and its troops recently fired warning shots at U.S. helicopters flying over the ill-marked frontier.

American officials have expressed frustration at Pakistan's failure to kill or capture militant leaders whom they accuse of sending fighters and arms into Afghanistan, where foreign troop casualties are escalating.

In Spain, a radio station reported that a document marked confidential and bearing the official seal of Spain's Defense Ministry charges that Pakistan's spy service was helping arm Taliban insurgents in 2005 for assassination plots against the Afghan government.

The report, which was obtained by Cadena Ser radio and posted on the station's Web site on Wednesday, also says Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence spy agency, or ISI, helped the Taliban procure explosives to use in attacks against vehicles.

It alleges that Pakistan may have provided training and intelligence to the Taliban in camps set up on Pakistani soil.

There have long been suspicions that members of Pakistan's shadowy spy agency have aided the Taliban, a charge that Pakistan has vehemently denied.

In the 1990s, however, the ISI's agents helped build up the Taliban.

Pakistan's chief army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said the report was "baseless, unfounded and part of a malicious, well-orchestrated propaganda campaign to malign the ISI."

Spain's Defense Ministry and the Spanish prime minister's office said it had no comment. Cadena Ser did not say how it obtained the report.

Meanwhile, a physician for the Taliban and a spokesman for the group denied reports that the movement's top leader in Pakistan, Baitullah Mehsud, had fallen ill and died.

"I spoke to him today at 9 a.m. on the telephone and he told me that he is surprised over rumors about his death," physician Eisa Khan told The Associated Press.

Khan said Mehsud had an unspecified kidney problem but gave no more details.

Mehsud's spokesman, Maulvi Umar, was cited on Geo television station as saying he was healthy.

Officials have accused Mehsud of being behind a wave of suicide attacks washing over Pakistan since the middle of last year, including the slaying of opposition leaders Benazir Bhutto in December.

NATIONAL: Rescue package isn't Wall Street bailout

Continued from page 4

out of their way to sound upbeat so as not to spook investors and send the markets crashing. But, as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., noted after one negotiating session, "We deal with Wall Street but we also deal with Main Street."

"Those appointed officials, like Paulson and Bernanke, are going to have to become more realistic," Reid

said. To many lawmakers, the request to put so much taxpayer money at risk was politically toxic — too risky right before an election, in a vote that an opponent could cast as a bailout for Wall Street.

"Lawmakers were upset because Secretary Paulson was asking them to give him a blank check and just go away. I think some of them were offended by what he presented to them initially," said Sung Won Sohn, an eco-

nomics professor at the Martin Luther School of Business at California State University, Channel Islands.

Bush himself appeared uncomfortable in talking about the crisis at first. He used phrases like "a substantial step to provide additional liquidity to the U.S. financial system." And "the American people can be sure we will continue to act to strengthen and stabilize our financial markets and improve investor confidence."

Students invited to apply for these scholarships

The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania is taking applications for its third annual \$5,000 scholarship awarded to aspiring journalists.

The award is designed to encourage outstanding collegiate journalism students in print and broadcasting.

The scholarship will be awarded in May 2009 in Pittsburgh at the annual Golden Quills Awards Dinner sponsored by The Press Club.

Candidates must be enrolled in an accredited college or university for at least two years. They must be able to demonstrate why they should receive the award. Their primary residence must be in one of the 29 counties of Western Pennsylvania (Venango is eligible).

The scholarship money will be credited to the winner's account at their univer-

sity or college. The winner also will receive a plaque in recognition of the award.

Deadline for applications is January 16, 2009. The scholarship committee will review applications and select finalists. The winner will be notified by April 15.

An application can be downloaded from www.westernpapersclub.org or contact The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania at Engineers' Building, 337 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, or (412) 281-7778, or pressclubwpa@yahoo.com.

For further information, contact Senior Deputy Managing Editor Rick Monti of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, 512 Martindale Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, 412-380-5638 or rmontri@tribweb.com.

The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania is a non-profit organization compris-

ing news media and public relations professionals, community leaders, academicians and other professionals devoted to first-rate communication.

Members of The Press Club are dedicated to raising the quality of public discourse in Western Pennsylvania, keeping the region vital and relevant.

It provides a setting, atmosphere, and programming that aim to further communication among media-related professionals and interested members of the general public.

Encouraging and supporting journalism students in the region is also a priority.

For membership information, contact The Press Club at (412) 281-7778.

...

The Office of National Scholarship Advisement and

the Honors Program is pleased to provide information regarding the 2009 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Competition (www.act.org/goldwater).

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship was created in 1986 to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering, and to foster excellence in those fields.

Up to 300 Goldwater Scholarships are awarded each year, for up to \$7,500.

The Clarion University deadline for completed applications to the 2009 Barry M. Goldwater competition is December 1, 2008.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Brent Register at bregrister@clarion.edu.

EVENTS: Senator White to hold seminar Oct. 17

Continued from page 3

non-refundable fee per person. Spaces are limited. To sign up or for more information, email Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu.

...

Senator Mary Jo White will hold a Student Government Seminar on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

...

CLEP testing will take place on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 1:45

p.m., in room 118 of Frame Hall.

...

"The Lives of Others" will be shown on Saturday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will hold an informal induction ceremony on Monday, October 20, at 5 p.m. The event was postponed from September 15. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Monday, October 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

...

The Satellite Seminar Series will begin Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium. The

See EVENTS on page 7

Volunteers needed for Oil City Wash Day 2008

Faculty, staff and student volunteers are needed on Wednesday, October 8, for Oil City's 2008 Fall Wash Day.

The Venango Campus Crew will participate in fall clean-up on the south side of Oil City, Central

Avenue to Second Street and State Street from Veteran's Bridge to Second Street.

The Oil City Wash Day event is sponsored by Take Pride in Oil City and the Oil City Streetscape Committee. Clean up will begin at 4:30

p.m.

For more information, visit the Clarion University-Venango Campus Administrative Office at Frame Hall or contact Kay Ensle in the same office, or at 676-6591, extension 1277.

Student Affairs office has free concert tickets

The Student Affairs Office has four tickets that can be used to attend any of the 2008-2009 concerts hosted by the Venango Community Concert Association.

Upcoming concerts include: On Tuesday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m., at Franklin High School, Pavlo, a composer, guitarist and singer who com-

bines Greek and Flamenco influences, will perform.

On Tuesday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m., at Oil City High School, Wholly Brass will perform.

On Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Franklin High School, the Woods Tea Company, a folk music trio, will perform.

The tickets available are also good for Community Concert Association-sponsored concerts in Alliance, Ohio; Beaver Valley, Pa.; Clearfield, Pa.; DuBois, Pa.; and Puxsuttawney, Pa..

If you are interested in tickets or for more information, please stop by Student Affairs in Rhoades Center.

THANK YOU notes those who go above and beyond

Want to thank someone who has helped and supported you this month? THANK YOU!, the Venango Campus Employee Recognition Program, can help.

At Venango Campus we take great pride in our personal and caring atmosphere and our commitment to the growth and development of our students and other members of our campus community.

The Venango Campus THANK YOU! Employee Recognition Program is an opportunity for students, faculty,

and staff to thank faculty and staff members for efforts made "above and beyond the call of duty" to help and support others.

THANK YOU! forms are available at the Rhoades Center Information Desk, in the Administrative Office in Frame Hall, in Suhr Library, and in the second floor lobby of Montgomery Hall.

Individuals wishing to thank someone on campus for going above and beyond the call of duty to help and support others should complete a THANK YOU! form and place it in a THANK YOU!

box located at one of the campus locations listed above.

Each month, a name will be drawn from the entries that were placed in the THANK YOU! boxes during the month. The winner will receive a free lunch at CrossRhoades Café.

The names of all individuals recognized during the month will be included in the Venango Campus Update Memo, printed in the *Venango Voice*, and also posted near CrossRhoades Café.

EVENTS: Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre slated

Continued from page 6

DVD presentation, titled "Lessons From Abroad: Opportunities in a Borderless World," features Dr. Richard Heinzl.

...
A murder mystery dinner theatre will be held Friday, October 24, from 6-9 p.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center. It will be "an evening to kill for!"
...

"Turtles Can Fly" will be shown on Saturday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent

See EVENTS on page 8

EVENTS: PTK will sponsor Bloodmobile visit

Continued from page 7

Film Series.

Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor the Central Blood Bank Bloodmobile on Wednesday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Rhoades Gymnasium. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Elizabeth Austin at s_edustin@clarion.edu.

The Radiologic Science department will hold a breakfast on Friday, October 31, at 8 a.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center.

November

"Chronicle of an Escape" will be shown on Saturday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

The 2008 presidential election will take place on Tuesday, November 4. Get out and vote!

A Vegetarian Cooking Class will be offered Tuesday, November 4, from 5-7:30 p.m., in the community room of the Student Apartment Complex.

Phi Theta Kappa will meet on Thursday, November 6, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room 307 of Mont-

gomery Hall. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

The Wacongo Dance Company will perform on Friday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m., in Rhoades Center. The Wacongo Dance Company is a traditional ensemble of master drummers, musicians, and dancers, residents of the Democratic Republic of Congo who perform ancestral songs and dances of Central Africa.

"Pan's Labyrinth" will be shown on Saturday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Cellofourte will perform on Saturday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Latonia Theatre in Oil City. The group is comprised of four cellists who "create a musically diverse experience by boldly defying the boundaries of classical music and rock."

"Into the Wild" will be shown on Saturday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

The Satellite Seminar Series will feature Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes in a DVD presentation of "Pathways out of Poverty through Green Collar Jobs: The Role of Scholarship in Improving Quality of Life for Urban Residents" on Monday, Novem-

ber 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium.

"I'm Not There" will be shown on Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Thanksgiving holiday begins on Tuesday, November 25, at 10 p.m. Friday classes meet in place of Tuesday classes on this day.

Miscellaneous

Yoga sessions will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins. With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions are free.

Cardio-kickboxing sessions will be held every Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m., at the Franklin School of Kung Fu, 845 Buffalo St., Franklin. The sessions are free.

Joann Wheeler will display her art at Rhoades Center through December.

Her three-dimensional collages and boxes have been exhibited and sold in juried group shows in several galleries.

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! VVOICE@CLARION.EDU

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 7

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008

Depression screenings slated Oct. 15

By Marla Harp
CUP-VC Counselor

Depression and college students

According to the American College Health Association (ACHA), the percentage of college students diagnosed with depression has increased 56 percent in the last six years. Many college students find themselves suffering from difficulty being motivated, difficulty finding pleasure in normal activities, difficulty sleeping (either too much or too little), and ultimately feeling overwhelmed.

Although these symptoms are normal experiences from time to time, they become problematic when they begin to actively interfere with students' academic and/or personal life.

What are the signs and symptoms of depression?

- An overwhelming feeling of sadness or de-

spair

- A feeling of hopelessness and that "it's never going to get better"
- A loss of interest in activities that typically make you happy
- Physical aches and pains, such as back pain, that seem to have no cause
- Appetite changes
- Excessive weight loss or gain over a short period of time
- Fatigue
- Lack of motivation
- Sleep disturbances (either insomnia or the desire to sleep excessively)
- Strong feelings of guilt, worthlessness, or low self-esteem
- Strong feelings of anxiety
- Trouble with concentration
- Thoughts of death or suicide (seek help immediately!)

How to get help

If you are experiencing any of the listed symptoms, be aware that help is available.

October 15 is National Depression Screening Day. Confidential screenings will be conducted in Rhoades Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will have an opportunity to meet individually with a counselor and ask questions or determine the best course of action for the symptoms you are experiencing.

If you have questions about a loved one, feel free to stop by and consult with a counselor about what you can do to help.

A counselor is available outside of those times if you are interested in seeking assistance - Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. are the hours you can reach a counselor at Venango Campus. The office is located at 234 Montgomery Hall and the extension is 1281.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

DEPRESSION SCREENINGS 1

EVENTS 1-6

TRASH TALK 2

JOB OPENINGS 3

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES 3

THANK YOU 3

FITNESS VIDEOS 3

STATE NEWS 4

NATIONAL NEWS 4

WORLD NEWS 5

Columbus Day is celebrated this week

October

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. For more information, log on to www.nbcam.org.

...

Monday, October 13 is Columbus Day.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting on Monday, October 13, at 4:30 p.m., in

the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at

See EVENTS on page 6

Biomass energy utilizes what we already have



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

Biomass energy is basically creating energy using plants and plant-derived materials. We've been using biomass for ages – burning wood for heat and to cook. Technology has branched out a bit, thankfully. Now, talks of biomass energy include byproducts from the foresting and sugar industries, urban and livestock waste, energy crops and crop residues, and tree and yard waste. For example, using wood wastes

rather than coal is definitely a positive shift. It simultaneously cuts carbon emissions, disposes of wood wastes, and provides a cleaner source of heat and electricity.

Many forms of biomass energy are clearly a step up from oil dependency. An example? An increasing world population means a huge increase in the number of livestock as well. More livestock means more livestock byproducts.

According to www.epa.gov, livestock manure is the largest source of methane from human-related activities globally, third highest in the U.S. Also emitted is the potent greenhouse gas nitrous oxide, and carbon dioxide. With the spirit of how to cut CO2 emissions and pollution, what do we do with all of that manure? Why, poo power of course!

In the U.S. alone, over one billion tons of cow manure goes to waste in dis-

posal lagoons or open air. Anaerobic digestion, a method used to create biomass energy, could be used to create biogas that would run turbines creating electricity.

The direct use of crops to make ethanol isn't the answer to our energy needs. The more food crops, such as corn and sugarcane, which are grown for biofuels, the less there is to be used as food, driving costs up for everyone and furthering food shortages in poor countries. There is also the problem of excess land clearing. For example, in Malaysia and Indonesia, rainforests are being cleared at alarming rates for palm plantations for the production of ethanol.

I, of course, feel the need to assert my opinion on biomass energy. Our dependence on foreign oil obviously has created some substantial problems for us. Our dependence on oil (no

matter where it comes from) will continue to cause more harm than good the longer it continues. It is not a resource that will be around forever; as the supply decreases, the price will continue to rise.

And, the longer we put the majority of our eggs in that basket, the worse we are for wear environmentally and financially. That is indisputable. But, let's be clear: all forms of biomass energy are NOT created equally.

Before investing millions into a new energy source, it is my hope that the 'powers that be' take in expert opinion and advice, as well as results from studies into the pros and cons of each.

Reference materials for this article were found at: Plan 3.0 by Lester R. Brown, <http://ecolocalizer.com>, <http://www.alternative-energy-news.info>, and <http://www.epa.gov>.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University – Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnists
Lori Secor Marla Harp Lola Deets

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Nurse, TSS positions open to Venango students

A position for a Nurse Assistant is available in Oil City.

This job posting is on www.cwds.state.pa.us. Before applying, applicants' resumes must be completely updated on that website. Even if you're not a Nursing student but desire to help others, this could be a perfect part time job.

A competitive salary is offered for this part time, 20 hours per week position.

Candidates will work under the supervision of LPNs and RNs. They

will organize and provide care for groups of 8-10 residents; and be responsible for all residents' ADLs, including: bathing, toileting, dressing, feeding, ambulation, and personal hygiene.

...

The Youth Advocate Programs (www.yapinc.org) has local openings. More information about the positions will continue to be released. Career Services suggests applicants begin resume preparation now, so when all details are forwarded by this agency, ap-

plicants will be ready. Document work experience with any youth programs and expected graduation date or whether the applicant has accumulated 60 credits.

TSS positions begin at \$13/hr.

This employer is anxious to hire those with Associate degrees who desire to work with troubled/at risk youth.

For more information, contact Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at extension 1373 or in room 230 of Montgomery Hall.

Construction continues in locker rooms, at pond

Construction continues at Clarion University-Venango Campus at West End Pond, in Frame Hall, and in the Rhoades locker room.

The walkway around the pond is being compacted and will be paved

soon, allowing benches to be installed. The gazebo and bridge are still about three weeks out, so by the end of the month, this part of the project should be finished. The ramp going to Rhoades still awaits final approval.

With a long lead time on the material, work has been momentarily halted in the Rhoades locker rooms. The gym will be painted next week and duct will be hung in the locker rooms.

Lineman won THANK YOU lunch at CrossRhoades

The THANK YOU! Venango Campus Employee Recognition Program has recognized the following individuals for "going above and beyond" during the month of September 2008.

They are: Tammy Beach, Ginny Seybold, Penny Shaughnessy, Deb Sobina, and Hope Lineman, the winner of the free lunch at CrossRhoades Café.

The Venango Campus THANK YOU! Employee Recognition Program

is an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to thank faculty and staff members for efforts "above and beyond the call of duty" to help and support others.

THANK YOU! forms are available at the Rhoades Information Desk, in the Administrative Office in Frame Hall, in Suhr Library, and in the second floor lobby of Montgomery Hall.

Individuals wishing to thank some-

one on campus for going above and beyond the call of duty to help and support others will complete a THANK YOU! form and place it in a THANK YOU! box located at one of the campus locations listed above.

Each month, a name will be drawn from the entries that were placed in the boxes during the month. The winner will receive a free lunch at CrossRhoades Café.

Fitness videos are available for students to sign out

The fitness center has the following exercise videos available for check-out. They are located in the reserve section of the library, and may be checked out for one week at a time. The name to request at the Reserve section is "Fitness Center."

The videos available are: Crunch/ Total Resculpt; Yoga for the Kid in All of Us; Kathy Smith/Flex Appeal; A Belly Dance Workout; Kathy Smith/ Yoga Sculpt; Family Walk/Walk at Home; 10 Minute Solution/Pilates Perfect Body; Plus-Size Pilates; The Firm/

Pump, Jump n' Jab (cardio kick-boxing); and Walk Away the Pounds/ Express.

For more information about these videos, contact Emily Aubele in the Student Affairs Office at Rhoades Center or eaubele@clarion.edu.

State

Pa. widow sues US over Iraq vet-husband's suicide

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The widow of an Iraq war veteran who committed suicide while in outpatient care for depression at a Veterans Administration hospital is suing the federal government for alleged negligence.

Tiera Woodward, 26, claims her late husband, Donald, sought treatment at a VA hospital in Lebanon, Pa., after three suicide attempts but wasn't seen by a psychiatrist for more than two months.

She says doctors were slow to diagnose her husband with major depression, and that once the diagnosis was made, a psychiatrist failed to schedule a follow-up meeting with her husband after he informed the doctor he had gone off his medication.

Donald Woodward killed himself in March 2006 at age 23.

"I intend to make them make changes," said his mother, Lori Woodward. "I have too many friends whose kids are in Iraq, I have a nephew now in Iraq, in the same unit, and I can't have my family go through this again."

Alison Aikele, a VA spokeswoman in Washington, said the agency does not typically comment on pending litigation.

The lawsuit, filed in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, seeks an unspecified amount for funeral expenses, lost income and pain and suffering.

It echoes other lawsuits nationwide over VA mental-health services, despite legislation President Bush signed in November ordering improvements.

The family of Marine Jeffrey Lucey, also 23, has a federal suit pending in Massachusetts over his June 2004

suicide. And two veterans groups sued the VA in San Francisco seeking an overhaul of its health system, citing special concerns about mental health, but a judge dismissed the suit in June over venue issues.

More than 150,000 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans have already sought mental health care from the VA, and 200,000 others have sought medical care, according to Veterans for Common Sense, one of the groups involved in the California lawsuit.

"Each tragic veteran suicide is yet another painful reminder of the human cost of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and VA's abject failure to provide timely and appropriate mental health care," said Paul Sullivan, the group's executive director. "How many wake-up calls does (the) VA need?"

National

Execs' posh retreat after bailout angers lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days after it got a federal bailout, American International Group Inc. spent \$440,000 on a posh California retreat for its executives, complete with spa treatments, banquets and golf outings, according to lawmakers investigating the company's meltdown.

AIG sent its executives to the coastal St. Regis resort south of Los Angeles even as the company tapped into an \$85 billion loan from the government it needed to stave off bankruptcy. The resort tab included \$23,380 worth of spa treatments for AIG employees, according to invoices the resort turned over to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

The retreat didn't include anyone from the financial products division

that nearly drove AIG under, but lawmakers still were enraged over thousands of dollars spent on outing for executives of AIG's main U.S. life insurance subsidiary.

"Average Americans are suffering economically. They're losing their jobs, their homes and their health insurance," the committee's chairman, Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., scolded the company during a lengthy opening statement at a hearing Tuesday. "Yet less than one week after the taxpayers rescued AIG, company executives could be found wining and dining at one of the most exclusive resorts in the nation."

Former AIG CEO Robert Wilumstad, who lost his job a day after the Federal Reserve put up the \$85

billion on Sept. 16, said he was not familiar with the conference and would not have gone along with it.

"It seems very inappropriate," Wilumstad said in response to questioning from Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md.

"Those executives should be fired," Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama said at a debate with Sen. John McCain on Tuesday, referring to the retreat participants. Obama also said AIG should give the Treasury \$440,000 to cover the costs of the retreat.

But Eric Dinallo, superintendent of the New York State Insurance Department, said he could see the value of such a retreat under the circumstances.

See NATIONAL on page 5

World

Nobel physics prize goes to 2 Japanese, 1 American

Two Japanese scientists and an American won the 2008 Nobel Prize in physics for theoretical advances that help explain the behavior of the smallest particles of matter.

The American, Yoichiro Nambu, 87, of the University of Chicago, won half the \$1.4 million prize for mathematical work he did nearly a half-century ago.

"I had almost given up" on getting the Nobel, Nambu said.

Makoto Kobayashi and Toshihide Maskawa of Japan shared the other half

for a 1972 theory that forecast the later discovery of a new family of subatomic particles.

The insights of the three scientists "give us a deeper understanding of what happens far inside the tiniest building blocks of matter," said the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Or, as physicist Phil Schewe, a spokesman for the American Institute of Physics, put it: "Nature works in strange ways, and these three physicists helped to explain that strangeness in an ingenious way."

Nambu introduced his description of so-called spontaneous broken symmetry into particle physics in 1960. The Nobel citation said his theories now permeate the Standard Model of physics, which is the basic theory of how the universe operates. For example, spontaneous broken symmetry offers an explanation for how different particles acquired different masses.

The Japanese-born Nambu moved to the United States in 1952 and is a professor at the Enrico Fermi Institute at the University of Chicago.

NATIONAL: AIG hid risky financial products

Continued from page 4

"Having been at large global companies and knowing what condition AIG was in ... the absolute worst thing that could have happened" would have been for employees and underwriters in its life insurance subsidiary to flee the company.

"I do agree there is some profligate spending there, but the concept of bringing all the major employees together ... to ensure that the \$85 billion could be as greatly as possible paid back would have been not a crazy corporate decision," Dinallo told the House committee.

The hearing disclosed that AIG executives hid the full range of its risky financial products from auditors as losses mounted, according to documents released by the committee, which is examining the chain of events that forced the government to bail out the conglomerate.

The panel sharply criticized AIG's former top executives, who cast blame on each other for the company's financial woes.

"You have cost my constituents and the taxpayers of this country \$85 billion and run into the ground one of

the most respected insurance companies in the history of our country," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y. "You were just gambling billions, possibly trillions of dollars."

AIG, crippled by huge losses linked to mortgage defaults, was forced last month to accept the \$85 billion government loan that gives the U.S. the right to an 80 percent stake in the company.

Waxman unveiled documents showing AIG executives hid the full extent of the firm's risky financial products from auditors, both outside and inside the firm, as losses mounted.

For instance, federal regulators at the Office of Thrift Supervision warned in March that "corporate oversight of AIG Financial Products ... lack critical elements of independence." At the same time, PricewaterhouseCoopers confidentially warned the company that the "root cause" of its mounting problems was denying internal overseers in charge of limiting AIG's exposure access to what was going on in its highly leveraged financial products branch.

Waxman also released testimony from former AIG auditor Joseph St. Denis, who resigned after being blocked from giving his input on how the firm estimated its liabilities.

Three former AIG executives were summoned to appear before the hearing. One of them, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg — who ran AIG for 38 years until 2005 — canceled his appearance citing illness but submitted prepared testimony. In it, he blamed the company's financial woes on his successors, former CEOs Martin Sullivan and Willumstad.

"When I left AIG, the company operated in 130 countries and employed approximately 92,000 people," Greenberg said. "Today, the company we built up over almost four decades has been virtually destroyed."

Sullivan and Willumstad, in turn, cast much of the blame on accounting rules that forced AIG to take tens of billions of dollars in losses stemming from exposure to toxic mortgage-related securities.

Lawmakers also upbraided Sullivan, who ran the firm from 2005 until June of this year, for urging AIG's board of directors to waive pay guidelines to win a \$5 million bonus for 2007 — even as the company lost \$5 billion in the 4th quarter of that year. Sullivan countered that he was mainly concerned with helping other senior executives.

EVENTS: Alumni Chapter will meet on Oct. 14

Continued from page 1

s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

The Venango Campus Alumni Chapter will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 14, at 4 p.m., in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Conference Room. The chapter welcomes new members and is open to anyone who has attended classes at the Venango Campus. The group was organized in September to bring Venango Campus alumni together to socialize and have fun while advocating for the campus and its students in the community and beyond.

For more information, contact Jerri Gent, Director of Marketing and University Relations, at 676-6591, extension 1215.

Wednesday, October 15 is National Depression Screening Day. For more information, contact Venango Campus counselor Marla Harp at 676-6591, extension 1281.

Student Senate will sponsor Pizza with the Dean on Thursday, October 16, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., at Cross Rhoades Café in Rhoades Center. Students are invited to meet with Dean Reber and discuss campus issues over free pizza and pop.

Don't forget, Thursday, October 16 is National Boss Day!

The Outdoor Club will sponsor a Fall Retreat October 16-18. The trip to

Ithaca, NY, will include waterfall hikes and more. The cost is a \$15, non-refundable fee per person. Spaces are limited. To sign up or for more information, email Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu.

Senator Mary Jo White will hold a Student Government Seminar on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

CLEP testing will take place on Friday, October 17, from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., in room 118 of Frame Hall.

"The Lives of Others" will be shown on Saturday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold an informal induction ceremony on Monday, October 20, at 5 p.m. The event was postponed from September 15. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Monday, October 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

The Satellite Seminar Series will begin Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium. The DVD presentation, titled "Lessons From Abroad: Opportunities in a Borderless World," features Dr. Richard Heinzl.

A murder mystery dinner theatre will be held Friday, October 24, from 6-9 p.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center. It will be "an evening to kill for!"

"Turtles Can Fly" will be shown on Saturday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

The Radiologic Science department will hold a breakfast on Friday, October 31, at 8 a.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center.

November

"Chronicle of an Escape" will be shown on Saturday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

The 2008 presidential election will take place on Tuesday, November 4. Get out and vote!

A Vegetarian Cooking Class will be offered Tuesday, November 4, from 5-7:30 p.m., in the community room of the Student Apartment Complex.

Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor the Central Blood Bank Bloodmobile on November 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Rhoades Gymnasium. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Elizabeth Austin at s_edaustin@clarion.edu.

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 8

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008

Heinzl will kick off Seminar Series

Clarion University–Venango Campus will host the first of two satellite seminar presentations on Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium. The program is free and open to the public.

Dr. Richard Heinzl, founder of the Canadian division of the Nobel Prize-winning humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières Canada (MSF), will present “Lessons from Abroad: Opportunities in a Borderless World.” Author of *Cambodia Calling*, the story of his year-long medical volunteer work in a remote area of Cambodia, Dr. Heinzl has been named one of the “Hundred People Who Make a Difference in Canada.”

His travels and work have taken him to over 75 countries, including Cambodia, Iraq and Mozambique, where he was an MSF volunteer.

Sharing poignant stories about ordinary people doing extraordinary things, Dr. Heinzl brings home to audiences an inside and often unexpected view from the world’s conflict zones and provides insightful per-

spectives from his experiences during the Iraq War, South Africa’s first Democratic elections, and quieter moving moments such as seeing the simple joy a Frisbee can bring to a child at the front lines in a war-torn country.

Heinzl studied medicine at McMaster University Medical School in Hamilton, Canada, a program renowned for its innovative approach to medical education. He later completed a master of public health degree at Harvard and a master of science degree at Oxford.

Based in Oakville, Ontario, Heinzl’s current focus is eHealth. He was recently named CEO of CardioView Inc., a technology company that utilizes the Internet to advance research and image communication in the field of cardiology and was the founder and CEO of MediSpecialist.com, a web-based medical consultation service. He is the holder of numerous awards and honors including the “Top 40 Under 40” Award and an honorary doctorate from his *alma mater*, McMaster University. He is a frequent speaker at national and international events.



Dr. Richard Heinzl

The Satellite Seminar Series, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, are DVD presentations of previously broadcast live seminars. Discussions following the presentations will be facilitated by Clarion faculty members or a member of the local community.

The second presentation will be offered on Monday, November 17, featuring Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes, professor of urban studies at San Francisco State University, who will present “Pathways Out of Poverty through Green Collar Jobs: The Role of Scholarship in Improving Quality of Life for Urban Residents.”

For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

RICHARD HEINZL	1
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	2
EVENTS	2-8
JOB OPENINGS	3
PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP	3
STATE NEWS	4
NATIONAL NEWS	4
WORLD NEWS	5
VENANGO UPDATE	6
ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN	7

New smoking ban does "a disservice" to students

Editor:

I am not a smoker. And, I could not have been happier with the indoor smoking ban; I can finally take my entire family out to dinner without my grandparents' asthma acting up. I am also excited that I can eat wings at my favorite place in town and not smell like a walking chimney. With that said, it's a safe assumption that I

would agree with banning smoking on campus as well, but I don't.

People are so worried about the rights of non-smokers that they are forgetting that smokers also have rights. Simply put, smokers are being discriminated against. How hard would it be to place a few picnic tables and an ashtray on a designated area of campus for smoking? I don't believe

it would be too difficult. It's just easier to ban it entirely.

College is a time for self-expression, freedoms, and standing up for injustices. And I believe we are doing a disservice to the students who are paying to attend classes and are being told they cannot have a smoke during their daily breaks. Smokers have just as much right to smoke as

non-smokers have the right to breathe clean air. I believe we can accommodate both sides without infringing on the rights of others.

The adage states, "You can please some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time." I believe this is a perfect example of "some of the time."

Heather Ditzenberger

Phi Theta Kappa will hold meeting, induction

October

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For more information, log on to www.nbcam.org.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold an informal induction ceremony on Monday, October 20, at 5 p.m. The event was postponed from September 15.

For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a meeting Monday, October 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the small conference room at Rhoades Center. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity

Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

The Satellite Seminar Series will begin Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium. The DVD presentation, titled "Lessons From Abroad: Opportunities in a Bor-

See EVENTS on page 7

Got an opinion? We want to hear it!
Send your signed letters to the editor in .doc format to:
vvoice@clarion.edu

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University – Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnists
Lori Secor Marla Harp Lola Deets

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Many job opportunities are available for students

Just posted on www.cwds.state.pa.us, this ideal opening would be a great resume builder for those in business or related majors. Make sure your resume has been posted and updated on this website before you make formal application.

A broadcasting company is seeking a part-time office manager to do general office duties: data entry, answering phones, and assisting with radio commercial production, etc. Work will be day shift, Monday through Friday. Minimum salary is \$8 per hour.

...
A full-time AmeriCorps position serving youth through the Oil Region Career Links is available now. The position would involve visiting local area school districts during school hours to provide career education training. You can visit the AmeriCorps Web site at www.keystonesmiles.org to download an application and/or call 814-221-1552. For a 1 year commitment, candidates will receive a living allowance paid twice a month, health insurance and a \$4,725 college scholarship.

Review this opening on the Web site www.cwds.state.pa.us.

...
Positions for Freight Team Associates at a Franklin location are available. Freight moving experience is preferred, but the company will train the right individual. Part-time freight associates will stock shelves and organize the sales floor. Candidates must follow all safety rules, operate reach trucks, and order pickers to remove merchandise from higher shelves.

Work involves breaking down and moving materials from staging areas to the floor. The position requires stooping, bending, lifting, reaching, climbing, and walking for long periods of time. Candidates must be available Monday through Friday for one of two shifts: 4-8 a.m. or 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Candidates must pass a drug test, background check, and pass the validated selection test. The minimum salary is \$9 per hour.

...
An opening for a Secretary Office Assistant is available. This part-time

position requires experience with Quick Books, preferably Quick Books 2008. Candidates must have excellent customer service and communication skills. Job duties include answering phones, taking orders, data entry, and booking events. Any experience with decorating, parties, or weddings, is helpful. The employer prefers that the candidates have a valid driver's license.

The accepted candidate will work Monday through Friday, 15-24 hours per week, but may go full-time when business picks up. Minimum salary for the position is \$7.50 per hour.

...
Free USB jump drives are still available in the Career Services Center in exchange for your completion of your prepared resume.

For resume preparation assistance or for more information about any of these employment opportunities, please contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at 676-6591, extension 1373, or visit room 230 in Montgomery Hall.

Kronmiller to put on fall photography workshop

Kronmiller Creative Portraiture will hold a Fall Weekend Photography Workshop for families October 24-26, at Two Mile Run County Park, rain or shine.

Clarion students, staff, and faculty get 10 percent off the workshop fee with an ID card.

The program will be a quiet, family-based camping/non-camping pho-

tography workshop that everyone can enjoy.

Participants are asked to leave the CD players and other electronics at home (cell phones for emergency use only) and simply enjoy the great colors of fall.

The weekend will run from Friday evening to Sunday around noon. Participants should bring their own tent,

food, and supplies.

Hot cocoa and coffee will be available, as well as campfire rings, electric, water, and a heated shower.

Space is limited. The cost of camping for two nights is \$34 (per tent), and the Photography Workshop is \$60 per person for the entire weekend.



GOT AN IDEA??

We'd like to hear it!

Send your suggestions and ideas to:

voice@clarion.edu



State

W. Pa. town allows pole dancing studio to open

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Pittsburgh suburb will allow a pole dancing studio to open, ending a federal lawsuit that accused town officials of violating the First Amendment rights of the prospective business woman.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed the suit in August on be-

half of 30-year-old Stephanie Babines, who wanted to open the studio in Adams Township.

Officials had barred Babines from opening the studio, saying it was a sexually oriented business.

The ACLU's legal director in Pennsylvania Witold Walczak says he

is satisfied with the settlement. The agreement still needs to be approved by a federal judge.

Babines' classes include pole-dancing, power lap dance, strip tease and "SeXXXercise."

They are all taught and performed fully clothed.

National

Govt wants kids to buckle up on small buses

DEATSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Smaller school buses will have to be equipped with lap-and-shoulder seat belts for the first time under a government rule drafted following the deaths of four Alabama students on a school bus that nose-dived off an overpass.

Larger buses also will have higher seat backs under the new policy, which was announced Wednesday. The design change is supposed to keep older, heavier students from being thrown over the seats in a collision.

The seat belts will only have to be installed in new buses weighing 5 tons or less, and the requirement will not take effect until 2011. These smaller school buses are already required to have lap belts, but not the safer, harness-style belts. There is no seat belt requirement for larger buses.

Transportation Secretary Mary Peters said she stopped short of requiring seat belts for larger buses because that could limit the number of children that can squeeze into seats, forcing some children to travel in ways that aren't as safe as school buses.

School districts sometimes expect as many as three younger children to share a bus seat, but if there are only two belts installed per seat then fewer children can ride the bus.

"We wanted to make sure that any measures we put forth don't needlessly limit the capacity of the buses and

then force that school or that school district to have more children walking, riding with parents, biking, etcetera," Peters told The Associated Press in an interview.

At Pine Level Elementary School in Deatsville, about 20 miles north of Montgomery, Gov. Bob Riley and Deputy U.S. Transportation Secretary Thomas Barrett climbed aboard a bus with 12 schoolchildren who have been using the belts in the pilot project.

It was started after four Lee High School teens were killed in Huntsville on Nov. 20, 2006 when their school bus went over a highway overpass rail and plunged to a street below, with dozens of students flung from seats.

"We asked the question at that time — would it have been safer if the students on the Huntsville bus had had seat belts?" Riley said. "We were amazed to find out that no one knew."

A bus driver who has been part of the pilot project, George Caudle, noted that keeping children from unclicking the belts may be a problem. He said the bus cannot start until all are strapped in, but sometimes after he starts driving it's not long before he hears belts being clicked off.

Jacob Chandler, 12, said he was worried about the belts.

"If you were to flip over in a pond, the little ones might not be able to get the belt off and they might drown," he

said.

But Monessia Smith, another 12-year-old, said she supported them.

"They're good. It keeps kids safe," she said.

Schools buy about 2,500 of the smaller school buses each year, the Transportation Department said. The buses seat about 16 to 20 students. Larger buses carry more than 50 students.

The Transportation Department estimates it will cost about \$6.1 million a year to equip new, smaller buses with the three-point seat belts and higher seat backs, and \$3.6 million a year to equip new, larger buses with higher seat backs.

The rule gives schools the option of using federal highway safety funds to help pay for retrofitting buses with seat belts, in addition to other money already available through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Jonathan Adkins, a spokesman for the Governors Highway Safety Association, objected to the use of additional federal funds for seat belts on school buses.

"Federal highway safety money is very limited and using that money to install seat belts on school buses isn't supported by crash data," Adkins said.

See NATIONAL on page 5

World

US troops kill No. 2 leader of al-Qaida in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — American troops acting on a tip killed the No. 2 leader of al-Qaida in Iraq — a Moroccan known for his ability to recruit and motivate foreign fighters — in a raid in the northern city of Mosul, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

The military statement described the man, known as Abu Qaswarah, as a charismatic leader who had trained in Afghanistan and managed to rally al-Qaida followers in Iraq despite U.S. and Iraqi security gains.

Rear Adm. Patrick Driscoll, a U.S. spokesman in Baghdad, also said the military suspected that Iranian agents were trying to bribe Iraqi politicians to oppose negotiations over a security pact that would extend the presence of American troops in Iraq.

But, he said, the military had no reason to believe Iraqi politicians had taken the Iranians up on the offers.

"There are indicators that Iranian agents may come across the border and use money or other bribes to influence Iraqi politicians," Driscoll said. "It's a whole different matter whether Iraqi politicians would accept that."

U.S. troops killed Abu Qaswarah, also known as Abu Sara, on Oct. 5 after coming under fire during

a raid on a building that served as an al-Qaida in Iraq "key command and control location for" in Mosul, the military said.

Abu Qaswarah — one of five insurgents killed — was later been positively identified, the military said, without elaborating.

The insurgent leader became the senior al-Qaida in Iraq emir of northern Iraq in June 2007 and had "historic ties to AQI founder Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and senior al-Qaida leaders in Afghanistan and Pakistan," the military said.

It called him "al-Qaida in Iraq's second-in-command" as the senior operational leader for al-Zarqawi's successor, Abu Ayyub al-Masri, also known as Abu Hamza al-Muhajir.

Driscoll said Abu Qaswarah directed the smuggling of foreign terrorists into northern Iraq and reportedly killed those who tried to return to their homelands rather than carry out suicide bombings and other attacks against Iraqis.

The announcement would indicate that al-Qaida in Iraq's leadership has maintained a presence despite recent reports that many had fled to Afghanistan and Pakistan where fighting has been on the rise.

Abu Qaswarah was described by the military as a "charismatic AQI

leader who rallied AQI's northern network in the wake of major setbacks to the terrorist organization across Iraq."

The death of the senior al-Qaida in Iraq leader will cause a major disruption to the terror network, particularly in northern Iraq, the military said.

Nationwide violence has declined drastically over the past year, particularly in Baghdad, but the U.S. military has consistently warned al-Qaida in Iraq and other insurgents remain a serious threat.

A recent series of killings of Iraqi Christians in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, has highlighted the continued dangers in northern Iraq, where many insurgents fled intensive U.S. military operations in the capital and surrounding areas.

The number of Christian families fleeing violence in Mosul since last week has reached 1,390-or more than 8,300 people, local migration official Jawdat Ismaeel said Wednesday.

Ismaeel said humanitarian teams are distributing food and aid materials to all displaced families, who are largely seeking refuge in nearby Christian-dominated towns and villages.

NATIONAL: School buses are "incredibly safe"

Continued from page 4

"School buses are already an incredibly safe mode of transportation. We are more concerned about the areas surrounding schools and bus stops. States should not be pressured on this issue."

The new rule also includes a performance standard for seat belts on new, larger buses so that schools

that want to voluntarily add belts will have guidance on what belts are best, Peters said.

Providing a common standard may also lower the cost of adding belts, she said.

The rule increases the required height of seat backs on new buses to 24 inches, up from the current 20 inches. Higher seat backs will help keep taller, heavier children from being thrown

over seats in a crash, Peters said.

The rule will be phased in beginning in the fall of 2009 and become fully effective in 2011.

About 25 million children travel to school on 474,000 school buses, according to the Transportation Department.

About six children a year are killed in school bus accidents, Peters said.

Updates for Venango Campus are listed here

Clarion University—Venango Campus 2008 Distinguished Alumna, Rhonda L. Steigerwald, was recognized for her many years of outstanding service to health-care in the region on Thursday, October 2, during a day-long celebration.

The day culminated in a reception in her honor in Robert W. Rhoades Center. Speaking at the reception were Dr. Chris Reber, Venango Campus Executive Dean; Terri Wood, representing the Clarion University Alumni Association; Neil Todhunter, recently retired President and CEO of UPMC Northwest; and Dr. Kathleen Patterson, Director of the School of Nursing and Allied Health.

A big “Thank You” goes out to faculty, staff, and students who manned the Clarion University—Venango Campus booth during Franklin’s three-day Applefest, October 3-5. Your willingness to give of your time to support the campus is greatly appreciated.

In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, stop in the Venango Bookstore and pick up a complimentary pink ribbon from Linda Hahn.

Hometown Heroes 2009 Calendars are available for purchase in the Administrative Office. The calendar features photographs of some of our local veterans and active military. Many of those pictured will be spending a

second Christmas away from home while serving a 15-month tour of duty. If you would like to purchase a calendar, please contact Penny Shaughnessy at pshaughnessy@clarion.edu or at extension 1206. The calendars are \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go to providing care packages for our military serving abroad. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Clarion University Computing Services will offer 2007 Microsoft Office training at Venango Campus beginning in November. Classes will be available for both introductory and advanced-level programs. Introductory sessions will cover the fundamentals, while the advanced sessions will cover more complex features.

The following is a list of the training schedule: Word I: Tuesday, November 11; Word II: Thursday, November 13; Excel I: Tuesday, November 18; and Excel II: Thursday, November 20.

Employees who are interested in the training are asked to contact the Help Desk at help-desk@clarion.edu or at extension 2640. Be sure to indicate which session(s) you will be taking. You will receive an email confirmation with additional details. All classes will be held in the Montgomery Hall Computer Lab, Room 311, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Preliminary work will begin on the Fall 2008 final exam schedule within the

next few weeks. Clarion faculty who are teaching at Venango are reminded that Venango Campus does not follow Clarion’s scheduling process. Venango Campus’ final exam schedule is built around regular class times. Faculty who have special requests regarding the time/date of their final exams should contact Cindy Busch with the details by October 24.

Recycling will begin soon at Venango Campus. Information will be made available as the details are finalized and the program is ready to launch. Watch your Clarion email to find out how you can make the recycling program a success.

Registration for Spring 2009 and Winter Intercession began on Monday, October 13. Students should check their email for the date and time that they will be eligible to schedule. Anyone with questions regarding “hold flags” should contact the Administrative Office. Students are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with their advisor prior to scheduling their classes for the Spring 2009 semester.

The next scheduled meeting for the Venango Forum is Friday, November 21, at 10 a.m., in Montgomery Hall, Room 404. Mr. Joseph Croskey from the Clarion University Academic Enrichment Department will be the guest

speaker. Please mark your calendar.

Have you always dreamed of being a sleuth? As part of the Venango Campus Fall 2008 Cultural Events Series, you will have a chance to put your investigative talents to work. On Friday evening, October 24, the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater presentation *An Evening to Kill For!* will be performed at 6 p.m. in the Rhoades Lounge. Prior to the performance, a buffet dinner of tossed salad, rosemary pork loin, chicken pesto, red parsley potatoes, vegetable medley, and assorted desserts will be served. If you would like to attend, please contact Katie Owsianicki at kowsian@clarion.edu or extension 1360. Students may attend free of charge; the charge is \$10 for all others. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but advance registration is required.

Friday, October 24 is Venango Tech Day. Tech Day is designed to bring faculty and support personnel together around the topic of integrating technology into the teaching/learning process. During the past several years, technology at Clarion University has significantly advanced.

In an effort to provide

See UPDATES on pg. 7

Program offers health screenings for women

Especially for Women, in conjunction with Alive & Well: a series of health information presentations by UPMC, will be presented on Wednesday, October 22, at 4:30 p.m., at Cranberry High School, One Education Drive, Seneca.

UPMC Northwest will partner with Adagio Health and Venango Forest Cancer Coalition for an evening of health and wellness education for women of all ages. Complimentary osteoporosis, stroke, cholesterol, and blood glucose screenings will be avail-

able.

The event is free and includes refreshments and prizes. Space is limited.

For more information or to register, call 814-677-1463 or 1-800-422-8888.

UPDATES: Tech Day will feature presentations

Continued from page 6

faculty and staff an opportunity to understand the technologies that are currently available on campus, and how these technologies can be used to enhance student learning and support, Venango Campus and Computing Services Learning and Technology Center will co-sponsor a professional development day that will feature faculty presentations, roundtable discussions, and several mini awareness sessions to introduce these technologies.

Presentations: Using Web 2.0 technologies (podcasts, wikis, blogs, screen casting, etc.) to engage students and enhance learning.

Academic Advising: The Nitty Gritty (Web for Faculty and online advising resources)

Using Turning Point (student response system a.k.a. clickers) to engage students - presented in a faculty roundtable session.

Teaching Online: Faculty sharing best practices

Mini sessions: (demos, hands-on, and faculty showcase)

Smart Classroom Instruction; "what if" trouble shooting session; Smart Tools software demonstration, Podcasting, Camtasia Software for screencasting; Narrated PowerPoint and Impatica; OpScan; Wireless.

All classes will be held in the lower level of Frame, rooms 117-118, 9 a.m. to

3 p.m. Darla Ausel will conduct the sessions.

...

Student Evaluations will begin on Monday, November 3 and will continue through Friday, November 14. As in the past, log-in forms will be available in the Frame Administrative Office and Suhr Library for faculty who will be completing evaluations after 6 p.m. Nursing packets will be available for in the School of Nursing and Allied Health Office; all others may be picked up in the Administrative Office. Teachers are asked to secure their own administrator, who must be a faculty member. However, if this is a problem, please contact Cindy Busch for assistance.

EVENTS: Murder mystery dinner slated for Oct. 24

Continued from page 2

derless World," features Dr. Richard Heintz.

...

A murder mystery dinner theatre will be held Friday, October 24, from 6-9 p.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center. It will be "an evening to kill for!"

...

Pumpkin Bumkin Fest will be cele-

brated in Oil City October 24-25. Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor features at this event. For more information, visit www.occhpumpkinfest.com.

...

Greg Koon, singer/songwriter and acoustic soloist, will perform Saturday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Latonia, 1 East First Street, Oil City. The show is \$5 per adult, and children under 12 are free. For more information, call the Latonia at 677-1260.

...

"Turtles Can Fly" will be shown on Saturday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

...

The Radiologic Science department will hold a breakfast on Friday, October 31, at 8 a.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center.

...

See EVENTS on page 8

EVENTS: Election Day 2008 is on November 4

Continued from page 7

November

"Chronicle of an Escape" will be shown on Saturday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

The 2008 presidential election will take place on Tuesday, November 4. Get out and vote!

On Tuesday, November 4, at 9 p.m., Clarion University-Venango Campus will host an open house to view the election process unfold as the next president of the United States is voted into office. It is free and open to the public.

There will be free food, games and activities, door prizes, and more.

For more information, contact Emily Aubele at 676-6591, extension 1269, or at eaubele@clarion.edu.

A Vegetarian Cooking Class will be offered Tuesday, November 4, from 5-7:30 p.m., in the community room of the Student Apartment Complex.

Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor the Central Blood Bank Bloodmobile on Thursday, November 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Rhoades Gymnasium. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Eliza-

beth Austin at s_eaustin@clarion.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa will meet on Thursday, November 6, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room 307 of Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

The Wacongo Dance Company will perform on Friday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m., in Rhoades Center.

The Wacongo Dance Company is a traditional ensemble of master drummers, musicians, and dancers, residents of the Democratic Republic of Congo who perform ancestral songs and dances of Central Africa.

Cellofourte will perform on Saturday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Latonia Theatre in Oil City. The group is comprised of four cellists who "create a musically diverse experience by boldly defying the boundaries of classical music and rock."

"Into the Wild" will be shown on Saturday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

The Satellite Seminar Series will feature Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes in a DVD presentation of "Pathways out of Poverty through Green Collar Jobs: The Role of Scholarship in Improving Quality of Life for Urban Residents" on Monday, Novem-

ber 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium.

"I'm Not There" will be shown on Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Thanksgiving holiday begins on Tuesday, November 25, at 10 p.m. Friday classes meet in place of Tuesday classes on this day.

Miscellaneous

Yoga sessions will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins.

With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions are free.

Cardio-kickboxing sessions will be held every Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m., at the Franklin School of Kung Fu, 845 Buffalo St., Franklin. The sessions are free.

Joann Wheeler will display her art at Rhoades Center through December. Her three-dimensional collages and boxes have been exhibited and sold in juried group shows in several galleries.

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 9

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2008

Sign up for Transitions Tour now

Career Services will sponsor the Transitions Bus Tour on Friday, November 21. The trip is for those students who plan to transition from Venango Campus to Clarion University's main campus to complete their degree within the next two years.

Students who experience anxiety about the transition will have their worries eased, according to Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad, as questions regarding transfer credits, parking, housing,

changing majors, and many other topics will be covered.

The free trip will provide students a Q&A session with Clarion University admissions representative Bill Bailey, a tour of main campus, and a free lunch at Chartwells courtesy of Career Services.

The bus will leave the upper parking lot of Venango Campus at approximately 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The response rate will depend on the size of the

bus reserved, so students must RSVP by Friday, October 31, to Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at 676-6591, extension 1373, or at mconrad@clarion.edu. In addition, sign up sheets are available now at the Learning Support Center in Montgomery Hall, at the Student Affairs office in Rhoades Center, and at the Career Services Center in Montgomery Hall.

For more information, contact Mark Conrad at the above locations.

Radiologic Science event is slated

October

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. For more information, log on to www.nbcam.org.

...

The Radiologic Science department will hold a breakfast on Friday, October 31, at 8 a.m., in the lounge at Rhoades Center.

...

November

"Chronicle of an Escape" will be shown on Saturday, November 1, at

7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

...

The 2008 presidential election will take place on Tuesday, November 4. Get out and vote!

...

On Tuesday, November 4, at 9 p.m., Clarion University-Venango Campus will host an open house to view the election process unfold as the next president

of the United States is voted into office. It is free and open to the public.

There will be free food, games and activities, door prizes, and more.

For more information, contact Emily Aubele at 676-6591, extension 1269, or at eaubele@clarion.edu.

...

A Vegetarian Cooking Class will be offered Tuesday, November 4, from 5:30 p.m., in the commu-

See EVENTS on page 8

Students, Faculty & Staff:

Please stop in the lobby of Frame Hall or the administrative office to pick up your 2008-2009 campus directory. They're free!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

TRANSITIONS BUS TOUR	1
EVENTS	1-8
TRASH TALK	2
MARLA HARP	3
STATE NEWS	4
NATIONAL NEWS	4
WORLD NEWS	5
JOB OPENINGS	5
NURSING TEST	7

Candidates vary on environment, energy issues



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

November 4th is a rich day in history. In 1922, the Tomb of King Tut was discovered; in 1948, T.S. Eliot won the Nobel Prize; and in 1979, Iranian radicals took 90 hostages from the U.S. embassy in Tehran. This year on November 4th, will be the beginning of the next chapter in history. The next president of the United States will bear incredible burden and immeasurable responsibility. Not only will he come into office with the absolute mess that is the economy, the decisions this president will make regarding climate change and

the environment will be instrumental in the global steps taken to solve the biggest issue this world has ever seen.

While the economy is forefront on the minds of nearly all Americans, we must remember there are other issues to consider when deciding whom to vote for: health care, civil rights, defense, immigration, and of course, climate change, energy, and the environment. I encourage everyone to dissect both candidates' Web sites and explore their positions on the issues you feel are most important if you haven't already done so. Don't take someone else's word for it – this is too important to not look into it yourself. The articles published in this issue of the *Voice* will be concerning each candidate's position on energy and climate change. All information will be taken directly off their Web sites to ensure it is accurate. I also will do my best to not insert personal opinions, trying to be neutral. To start: John McCain.

The bulk of McCain's

energy policy appears to be centered around offshore drilling and nuclear power. He proposes to life restrictions, allowing drilling in the Outer Continental shelf, and to build the infrastructure needed to transport natural gas throughout the country, though no detail is given on what that entails. He plans to construct 45 new nuclear power plants by 2030; with the ultimate goal of 100, similar to goals of China, India, and Russia. To encourage new technologies, he proposes to offer a \$300 million prize for the development of a better battery for hybrid cars.

He also intends to encourage alternative energy such as wind, hydro, and solar power: "McCain believes in an even-handed system of tax credits that will remain in place until the market transforms sufficiently to the point where renewable energy no longer merits the taxpayers' dollars." He seeks to improve the electricity grid, and commits \$2 billion annually to promote

the advancement of clean coal.

McCain promotes a "Cap & Trade System" to limit carbon emissions. Basically, companies, industries, etc. buy and sell the right to emit greenhouse gasses. If Company A does not use all of its permits, it may sell the extras to Company B, earning money in the process. The reasoning here is that if a company has the potential to save money by emitting less, it will invest in or invent ways to reduce their emissions. McCain focuses on this issue as primarily it being the private sector's responsibility to curb emissions, with tax credits and incentives from the government to do so. Emission targets include reducing emissions to 18 percent above 1990 levels by 2012; ultimately to be reduced to 60 percent below 1990 levels in 2050. McCain plans to apply a higher efficiency standard to all government buildings, home and abroad, as a way to set a good example for

See **IEWS** on page 3

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center

Clarion University – Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: voice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Columnists

Lori Secor Marla Harp Lola Deets

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Contact Marla Harp to discuss grief, other issues

By Marla Harp
Venango Campus Counselor

Many of us are dealing with issues surrounding an unresolved loss. Often times we think about loss in terms of the death of a loved one. However, losses can include infertility, loss of self-esteem, deployment of a loved one, loss of a job, or the loss of a pet. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross pioneered research in the area of death and grieving. The

stages of grief that she described (denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance) have helped many to normalize what they experience at a time of grieving.

Others of us are wondering how to support a close friend or relative who is going through a time of grief. Sometimes we avoid the grieving person because we feel awkward and don't know what to say. The best advice that can be given in this situation is to focus on

listening, not what to say. Help with "instrumental support" – walking the dog, doing the laundry, mowing the lawn.

Although grief is one of the most difficult emotions that we experience, it also provides a great deal of potential for growth.

If you would like to discuss this or another topic with me, please contact me at ext. 1281 or mharp@clarion.edu.

VIEWS: Candidates have two different approaches

Continued from page 2

private citizens and other countries.

McCain's Web site lists steps that need to happen, in his opinion, to improve the current energy and climate situation: "John McCain...will provide leadership for effective international efforts...will develop a climate change adaptation plan...will ensure rapid technology introduction...will foster rapid and clean economic growth..." There are quite a few of these statements, but unfortunately no details are available for me to report on how these changes will come about under his presidency.

Reference material for John McCain's portion of this piece was found at: www.thehistorychannel.co.uk, www.johnmccain.com.

Two men: very different policies, very different approaches, very different visions. Now, I'll present the policies on energy and the environment of Barack Obama, citing information directly from his Web site. Obama's Web site provides full plans on both the environment and energy. I encourage you to log on and check them out, as they are more extensive than I have room to account for in my limited space here. However, I will try to hit the major points and objectives.

Obama has a goal of reducing our

carbon emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. Like McCain, Obama also favors a cap-and-trade system, but with sizable differences. An overall national cap on emissions will be established; companies who don't use their allotted emissions will be able to sell them for profit, and vice versa, the number of allowances declining each year to match the reduction in emission targets. Here is where the difference comes: Obama's system will require pollution credits to be auctioned to ensure large polluters pay for every ton of emissions they release rather than giving them away for free to coal and oil companies. Some of the revenue generated by auctioning allowances will be used to develop and employ clean energy, invest in energy efficiency, and to address transition costs for the public.

Using money to invest in a clean energy economy is key to bring us forward environmentally and economically. Obama's investment plan will double science and research funding for clean energy projects and invest in job training and transition programs to help workers and industries adapt to clean technology development and production. This plan also invests in key technology deployment and sets standards to allow the market to invest and innovate. Obama will require 25 percent of

total electricity used, and at least 30 percent of federal government's usage, to come from renewable resources by 2025. Becoming more energy efficient is a top priority for this prospective administration, their agenda providing people the tools they need to begin reducing their energy consumption and energy bills.

Barack Obama believes the U.S. has to be a leader in combating this global issue. He feels we need to re-engage the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and plans to create a new Global Energy Forum focusing exclusively on global energy and environmental issues. A new Technology Transfer Program within the DOE will be dedicated to exporting climate-friendly technology to developing countries. He also plans to concentrate efforts for clean air, clean water, and preserving our land – all of which he has details available on his Web site.

On the energy front, Obama promises immediate relief in several forms, including requiring oil companies to take a reasonable share of their profits and provide direct relief to consumers. Individuals will get \$500; married couples will get \$1,000. Obama views the energy dilemma as

See VIEWS on page 7

State

Lawsuit: Paper ballots should be on hand in Pa.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Several voter-rights groups filed suit Thursday to seek emergency paper ballots for Pennsylvania voters in the event that electronic machines break down.

The groups want paper ballots to be available on Election Day if more than half of the voting machines at a given polling place malfunction. Otherwise, voters are often left to endure long lines, they said.

"People should be able to exercise their right to vote without waiting in line for hours or being told to go home and come back later," said John Bonifaz, legal director of Voter Action, a national voter advocacy group that is one of several plaintiffs.

The groups focused on Pennsylvania because of problems reported in the spring primary and a recent state directive that, according to the groups, say paper ballots should only be used if all machines in a polling place fail.

"We're quite concerned, in light of the confluence of high voter turnout and these voting machine breakdowns, that there will be even longer lines and more voter disenfranchisement," Bonifaz said Thursday.

The suit was filed in federal court in Philadelphia against Pennsylvania Secretary of State Pedro Cortes.

Leslie Amoros, Cortes' spokeswoman, declined comment until the department can review the suit.

The plaintiffs include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia and Voter Action, a voting rights organization. They are seeking a preliminary injunction to address the situation before the election.

"Thousands of members have faced serious delays in voting when machines have broken down in the past, and this problem will be much more severe this year when unprecedented numbers of voters will be coming to the polls," said J. Whyatt Mondesire, the president of the NAACP State Conference of Pennsylvania.

National

People nervous about economy, expect it to improve

WASHINGTON (AP) — People are skittish about the economy's immediate future. Ask how things will be in a year and you hear a different story — and a remarkable show of optimism despite economists' widespread expectations that a serious recession is brewing.

Most expect the economy to generally be better and the stock market to be rising three months from now, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll released Thursday. But that's mixed with gloom: Majorities also doubt unemployment will fall or home values will rise by then, and people are split over whether their personal finances will improve.

Extend the timeline to a year and the public's mood about the economy grows cheerier. Most say they expect more jobs and higher real estate value. The also think their own financial situations will be better a year from now, the survey shows.

"A few months from now, I don't

see it," said Claudette Davis, 61, a retired power company supervisor from Alpharetta, Ga. "A year from now, it may improve. With the \$700 billion to bail out all those banks, maybe things will come around. And maybe the new president will have some input."

That optimism seems to run counter to the beliefs of many economists that the U.S. is in, or about to enter, a recession. Democrats in Congress are looking at crafting the year's second economic stimulus bill, an idea that's been embraced by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and that the White House has said President Bush would consider.

Many said the upcoming presidential election will affect the economy's performance. Forty-four percent said they think the economy will improve if Democrat Barack Obama is elected, while 34 percent said it would get better if Republican John McCain wins.

With widespread economic worries making the stock market lurch wildly almost daily, most in the survey were

eager to keep their distance from it. By a 58 percent to 38 percent majority, people said this was a bad time to invest in stocks. However, by a more modest 53 percent to 43 percent, most said this is a good time to buy real estate.

"The stock market is obvious, it's probably not bottomed out," said attorney Anthony Venditti, 41, of Westchester, Pa. But assuming a person can get a loan — no easy feat these days — "It's a great time to buy a house. There's a huge inventory out there."

About three quarters of active investors — people who changed their investment mix at least five times in the past year — said this is a good time to purchase real estate and invest in the stock market. Two-thirds of people earning at least \$100,000 a year also said so. But fewer than half of those making under \$50,000 said now's the time to be buying stocks.

See NATIONAL on page 5

World

US turns over control of 12th Iraqi province

BABYLON, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. relinquished control of a southern province that includes Sunni areas once known as the "triangle of death," handing security responsibility to the Iraqi government on Thursday. In the capital, where insurgent attacks continue nearly daily, a car bomber targeted a government minister's convoy, killing at least 13 people.

Babil is the 12th of 18 Iraqi provinces to be handed over and a sign of the improving security. U.S. forces will remain in the area to assist the Iraqis when needed.

At a transfer ceremony held near the ruins of the ancient city of Babylon, Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin, the No. 2 U.S. commander in Iraq, said security gains have been remarkable — with the number of attacks falling about 80 percent from an average of 20 per week a year ago.

But he cautioned that "while the enemies of Iraq are down, they are not necessarily defeated."

With Babil's handover to the Iraqi government, the only province left under U.S. control in southern

Iraq is Wasit, a rural desert region that borders Iran and has been a conduit for the smuggling of foreign fighters and weapons into Iraq.

Other provinces that remain to be handed over are north of the capital, where violence has been slower to decline after insurgents fled security crackdowns in Baghdad and surrounding areas.

Salim al-Musilaw, Babil's provincial governor, credited tribal leaders and Sunnis who turned against al-Qaida in Iraq in a U.S.-funded revolt with the downturn in violence.

"Today's security handover is the fruit of the victory over al-Qaida," he said.

In Baghdad, the attacker rammed the car into the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry convoy as it passed through the central Bab al-Sharji area, a ministry spokesman said.

The Shiite minister, Mahmoud Mohammed al-Radhi, escaped unharmed but three of his guards were killed, spokesman Abdullah al-Lami told al-Arabiya TV station.

"It is the latest in a series of criminal acts that are targeting development

process in Iraq," al-Lami said.

At least 10 civilians were killed in addition to the guards, and 21 people were wounded, according to police and hospital officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information.

Smoke and the smell of gunpowder filled the air. Drivers at a nearby intersection sought shelter behind their cars until Iraqi security forces ordered them to evacuate the area.

AP Television News video showed a burned SUV and the charred hulk of the apparent car bomb surrounded by Iraqi security forces. The windows of a nearby camera store were shattered, with torn pictures left among the glass.

Youssef Qassim, the 40-year-old owner of a nearby clothing store, said he peered through a hole in the concrete wall surrounding the market and saw at least two cars on fire with burning bodies inside.

"The guards of the government convoy opened fire into the air but stopped when U.S. forces arrived at the scene," he said.

NATIONAL: People were asked about economy

Continued from page 4

People were asked how they think seven aspects of the economy would be behaving in three months and a year from now. They gave mixed responses for the near-term, but in nearly each case foresaw stronger performance in a year.

Steven Wood, 30, a car salesman from Canton, Ga., said he doesn't doubt that the economy will rebound. "I deal with customers every day, and as a whole, even though people are down about the economy, they're very optimistic about what the future

holds," he said.

Just 38 percent said they think unemployment would go down in three months, but 62 percent said they thought it would improve in a year. That is counter to what many analysts expect: Unemployment is 6.1 percent nationally, and economists predict it could go as high as 7.5 percent in 2009.

"I have a job every now and then because I know what I'm doing," said Pedro Garcia, 22, of Greeley, Colo., who finds work as a roofer, a butcher and a welder. "I have to look here and there all the time."

Four in 10 people making less than

\$50,000 a year said unemployment won't fall in three months or a year, making them less optimistic than the highest earners.

Blacks were a bit more optimistic than whites in the survey that home prices will rise in the short and long term, and that the economy will improve in a year.

The AP-GfK poll involved landline and cell phone interviews with 1,101 randomly chosen adults and was conducted from Oct. 16-20. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points, larger for subgroups.

Student assistant is needed at Career Services

A Student Assistant is needed in the Career Services Department immediately.

Applicants should be available for the following time periods: 15 hrs/week for Fall and Spring terms with potential for summer employment. Hours will be during the day, with minimal evenings (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). The qualified candidate will assist the Career Services Coordinator with multiple projects during the year. Pay is minimum wage. Start date is to be on or about November 1st.

A qualified candidate must possess the following qualifications: must have very good clerical skills; proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel computer programs; highly responsible and professional; detail-oriented for such major projects as Nursing and Respiratory Care Fairs in the Spring; customer service oriented with good phone etiquette; department is broad in scope thus the candidate must be cooperative with students, staff and faculty; strong communication skills (written and verbal); ability to stay on task in the event the Coordinator is at meetings or other events; strong organizational skills; ability to meet deadlines and manage multiple priorities; maintain confidentiality of records; manage, update, and backup electronic files as directed; photocopy as needed; write notes or correspondence as needed/directed; and other related duties as assigned.

A qualified candidate must maintain a minimum of six credit hours to apply and continue in the position.

Interested students may drop off resumes with a completed student application form (available in the plastic box posted on the door of room 228 in Montgomery Hall) to Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad's office in Montgomery Hall. Call 676-6591, extension 1373 for more information.

...

St. Anthony's Point has an immediate need for new employees. It is an excellent opportunity for a Psychology or Rehab Services major.

Therapeutic Staff Support Workers are needed at the Titusville office to assist children with emotional or behavioral difficulties. Bachelor's degree in psychology or related field, or Bachelor's and one year experience working with children, or 60 credits or an Associates Degree and three years experience working with children is required. In addition, Act 33/34 and FBI clearances are required. Day, evening, weekend, and substitute work is available. The position offers competitive wage, health, 401K plan, mileage reimbursement, and other benefits.

Send application to St. Anthony's Point, 3679 East State Street, Hermitage, PA, 16148, or call toll free 866-775-8273. EOE.

...

This position, posted on www.cwds.state.pa.us, is

ideal for the student wanting to gain practical, hands-on field experience while attending classes.

The Human Service Aide is a part time position (18-32 hours per week). The position is for a caring, flexible, and dependable individual to provide a variety of supportive services to identified MH/MR consumers in an effort to educate and encourage them to become as self-sufficient and independent as possible.

Duties include, but are not limited to, visiting consumers in their home, assisting them in the community (i.e. shopping, laundry, banking, medical); advising them of available services; and assisting in obtaining and monitoring requested services as indicated by each consumer's individual goals. Written and verbal communication skills and organizational abilities are highly desired. A high school diploma, Acts 34 - 151 clearances, and a valid PA driver's license is also required. Normal workweek is Saturday through Friday, and some evenings.

...

Seasonal delivery drivers are needed at UPS.

Candidates must complete an application at the employer's Web site to apply for this position and make an appointment to meet with UPS at the Oil Region CareerLink on November 7th.

The temporary/seasonal position is to last from ap-

proximately November 16 through December 24. Candidates will work Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (or until all deliveries are made).

Candidates must be 21 years old, be able to lift up to 70 pounds, be able to drive a standard transmission, have a current driver's license, have a clean driving record for the past 12 months, have a high school diploma/GED, and have a clean-cut appearance.

There is no guarantee of hours, but candidates can work 40 hours and more each week. There are no benefits.

Candidates should apply online at the UPS Web site. Successful applicants will be given an exact appointment time to report to the Oil Region CareerLink, 255 Elm Street, Oil City, on Friday, November 7.

...

Free USB jump drives are still available in the Career Services Center in exchange for your completion of your prepared resume.

For resume preparation assistance or for more information about any of these employment opportunities, please contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at 676-6591, extension 1373, or visit room 230 in Montgomery Hall.

...

Nursing test to be offered at Venango Campus

Clarion University's School of Nursing and Allied Health is beginning the process of selecting the Associate of Science in Nursing class for Fall 2009.

One of the components of the admissions process is taking a National League for Nursing pre-admission test, which focuses on English, Mathematics, and Science.

The following dates have been scheduled for the test: November 21, deadline to submit request to test is November 7; December 12, deadline is November 28; January 16, 2009, deadline is January 2, 2009.

These tests will be held in Rhoades Auditorium, Venango Campus and will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. No calculators may be used. Pencils will be provided.

This NLN test takes approximately four hours to complete and the cost is \$50.00. Because all tests must

be paid for prior to ordering, the \$50.00 fee is non-refundable. If you cancel a test session, you must submit an additional \$50.00 when you reschedule testing for another date.

The following are additional requirements of the admissions process: application for admission or completed Change of Status form (for those currently enrolled at Clarion University) must be submitted no later than December 15; an essay of 250 words or less entitled "Why I Want to Be a Nurse" must be on file in the Nursing Office; official High School/GED and transcripts from any other schools attended must be on file in the Admissions Office of Clarion University - do not have the transcripts sent to the Nursing Office at Venango Campus; and prerequisite courses, specifically basic Algebra, basic Biology and Chemistry must be completed or in progress for consideration (Please see the ASN

Handbook, online at www.clarion.edu, for more detailed information regarding admission to the ASN Program).

Please be sure to abide by all deadlines. Please speak with your assigned advisor regarding your status and plan.

The nursing advisor is the best person to work with to be certain that you are proceeding correctly towards being considered for admission to the ASN Program.

If you do not have a nursing advisor, please contact Deb Weaver (dweaver@clarion.edu or 676-6591, ext. 1250) and one will be assigned to you.

For additional information on this test or on the Associate of Science in Nursing Program at Clarion University, please contact Deb Weaver at 676-6591, ext. 1250 or dweaver@clarion.edu.

VIEWS: Cast your vote for president on Nov. 4

Continued from page 3

an opportunity to create millions of jobs and get our economy back on the right track. Investments in plug-in hybrids, the development of commercial scale renewable energy, advancing the generation of biofuels, beginning the transition to a digital electrical grid, and training the manufacturing workforce will create five million new green jobs that cannot be outsourced. Obama also will create the "Green Vet Initiative" that will help veterans gain skills to enter this rapidly growing field. The process will also include turning manufacturing centers into clean technology leaders

and creating new job training programs for clean technologies.

Obama will implement a strategy that will allow us to reduce our oil consumption by more than we currently import from the Middle East and Venezuela within ten years.

Included in this plan is to invest in development to put one million plug-in electric vehicles on the road by 2015, partner with domestic automakers to ensure the cars and their parts are made by American workers, and establish a low carbon fuel standard so that as we reduce our oil consumption we also reduce carbon emissions.

As for diversifying our energy sources, Obama will require 10 percent

of electricity to come from renewable sources by 2012, and develop and employ clean coal technology.

Obama is not opposed to furthering the use of nuclear energy, but he feels there are key issues that must be addressed first: the security of nuclear fuel and waste, waste storage, and proliferation.

Voting is all about who YOU feel will do the best for you personally and the nation as a whole. Go to their Web sites - read where they stand on the issues that are important to you. Most importantly - GO VOTE!!!

Reference material for Barack Obama's portion of this piece was found at: www.barackobama.com.

EVENTS: Bloodmobile to be on campus Nov. 6

Continued from page 1

nity room of the Student Apartment Complex.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor the Central Blood Bank Bloodmobile on Thursday, November 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Rhoades Gymnasium.

To donate, proper identification is required. Identification may include a Central Blood Bank or military ID, driver's license, or employee badge with picture and full name, as well as a birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor's full name.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Austin at 814-673-3848 or s_edaustin@clarion.edu.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will meet on Thursday, November 6, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room 307 of Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

...

The Wacongo Dance Company will perform on Friday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m., in Rhoades Center. The Wacongo Dance Company is a traditional ensemble of master drummers, musicians, and dancers, residents of the Democratic Republic of Congo who perform ancestral songs and dances of Central Africa.

...

Cellofourte will perform on Saturday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Latonia Theatre in Oil City. The group is comprised of four cellists who "create a musically diverse experience by boldly defying the boundaries of classical music and rock."

...

"Into the Wild" will be shown on Saturday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

...

The Satellite Seminar Series will feature Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes in a DVD presentation of "Pathways out of Poverty through Green Collar Jobs: The Role of Scholarship in Improving Quality of Life for Urban Residents" on Monday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium.

...

Career Services will sponsor the Transitions Bus Tour on Friday, November 21. The trip is for those students who plan to transition from Venango Campus to Clarion University's main campus. The bus will leave the upper parking lot of Venango Campus at approximately 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The free trip will provide students a Q&A session with Clarion University admissions representative Bill Bailey, a tour of main campus, and a free lunch.

The response rate will depend on the size of the bus reserved, so students must RSVP by Friday, October 31, to Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services,

at 676-6591, extension 1373, or at mconrad@clarion.edu. In addition, sign up sheets are available now at the Learning Support Center, at the Student Affairs office, and at the Career Services Center in Montgomery Hall.

For more information, contact Mark Conrad at the above locations.

...

"I'm Not There" will be shown on Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

...

Thanksgiving holiday begins on Tuesday, November 25, at 10 p.m. Friday classes meet in place of Tuesday classes on this day.

...

Miscellaneous

Yoga sessions will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins.

With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions are free.

...

Cardio-kickboxing sessions will be held every Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m., at the Franklin School of Kung Fu, 845 Buffalo St., Franklin. The sessions are free.

...

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! VVOICE@CLARION.EDU

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 10

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008

Venango awarded renovation funds

By Jaime Renwick
Student Senate President

Recently, Venango Campus Student Senate requested the use of Special Project and capital funds from the Clarion Student Association (C.S.A) to assist in refurbishing the fourth floor lounge in Montgomery Hall. This space is highly utilized by students on a regular basis, and often serves as a programming and meeting space. The furniture in this area is extremely worn, unsightly, and not conducive to group meetings, study sessions, or any type of function that requires table or workspace.

On October 7, Emily

Aubele, Student Senate advisor and director of Student Affairs, and I presented the proposal at the C.S.A. Board of Directors meeting and were granted approval for the money. Our goal for this project is to make the area a more student friendly, efficient workspace for many uses. The renovation is set to begin in the spring. This is a very exciting project and we look forward to the completion.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce our Student Senate and it's members. Student Senate is the governing body of Venango Campus. We manage the distribution allocation of student

activity fees. It is a great way to interact with other students, faculty and staff, and the general community. We are always looking for ways to better the campus and our community. We are here for YOU! If you have any issues you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact any one of our members and we will do our best to get it resolved! We are dedicated to create the best possible college experience for our students.

Our members include: myself, President Jaime Renwick (s_jsrenwick@clarion.edu). I am a Criminal Justice major and, in the spring, I will be a

See FUNDS on page 7

Vote in the 2008 election on Nov. 4

November

The 2008 presidential election will take place on Tuesday, November 4. Get out and vote!

...

On Tuesday, November 4, at 9 p.m., Clarion University-Venango Campus will host Up All Night

- Election 2008 to view the election process unfold as the next president of the United States is voted into office. It is free and open to the public.

There will be free food, games and activities, door prizes, and more.

For more information,

contact Emily Aubele at 676-6591, extension 1269, or at eaubele@clarion.edu. ...

A Vegetarian Cooking Class will be offered Tuesday, November 4, from 5-7:30 p.m., in the commu-

See EVENTS on page 7

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

FUNDING AWARDED 1

EVENTS 1-8

JOB OPENINGS 2

TRANSITIONS BUS TOUR 2

VENANGO UPDATE 3

STATE NEWS 4

NATIONAL NEWS 4

WORLD NEWS 5

PTK NEWS 6

Part time positions are available for students

A medical administrative clerk is needed immediately for a part-time (37.5 hours/week) position. This person will be responsible for accounts receivable posting, medical insurance verifications, medical pre-authorization verifications, new patient information verification, discharge of patient charts, medical record maintenance and retrieval of records, and other miscellaneous office responsibilities that may be requested.

The US Census Bureau is recruiting for the following short-term positions: Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Office Operations Supervisor, Enumerator (Census Lister/Taker), Crew Leader Assistant (CLA), Crew Leader, Recruiting Assistant, and Field Operations Supervisor.

Candidates will use government provided laptop computers. Field Representatives will interview local

respondents for a number of statistical surveys.

Apply immediately for these important part-time positions.

Candidates must be United States citizens, at least 18 years old, able to pass a 30 minute test, have a valid driver's license, use of an insured vehicle, a private telephone line and be available during day, evening and weekend hours.

Testing will be con-

ducted at the Oil Region PA CareerLink. Contact CareerLink for web address to a practice test site.

For more information about this position, access www.cwds.state.pa.us with an updated resume.

For resume preparation assistance or for more information about job placement, contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at mconrad@clarion.edu or by phone at 676-6591, extension 1373.

Transitions Bus Tour is slated for November 21

Career Services will sponsor the Transitions Bus Tour on Friday, November 21.

The trip is for those students who plan to transition from Venango Campus to Clarion University's main campus to complete their degree within the next two years.

Students who experience anxiety about the transition will have their worries eased, according to Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad, as questions regarding transfer credits,

parking, housing, changing majors, and many other topics will be covered.

The free trip will provide students a Q&A session with Clarion University admissions representative Bill Bailey, a tour of main campus, and a free lunch courtesy of Career Services at Chartwells.

The bus will leave the upper parking lot of Venango Campus at approximately 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 pm.

The response rate will depend on

the size of the bus reserved, so students should RSVP as soon as possible, to Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at 676-6591, extension 1373, or at mconrad@clarion.edu.

In addition, sign up sheets are available now at the Learning Support Center in Montgomery Hall, at the Student Affairs office in Rhoades Center, and at the Career Services Center in Montgomery Hall.

For more information, contact Mark Conrad at the above locations.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnists
Lori Secor Marla Harp Lola Deets

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania - Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Venango Campus updates include training sessions

Clarion University Computing Services will offer 2007 Microsoft Office training at Venango Campus beginning in November. Classes will be available for both introductory and advanced-level programs. Introductory sessions will cover the fundamentals, while the advanced sessions will cover more complex features.

The following is a list of the training schedule: Word I: Tuesday, November 11; Word II: Thursday, November 13; Excel I: Tuesday, November 18; and Excel II: Thursday, November 20.

Employees who are interested in the training are asked to contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@clarion.edu or at extension 2640. Be sure to indicate which session(s) you will be taking. You will receive an email confirmation with additional details. All classes will be held in the Montgomery Hall Computer Lab, Room 311, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

...

Student Evaluations will begin on Monday, November 3, and will continue through Friday, November 14. As in the past, log-in forms will be available in the Frame Administrative Office and Suhr Library for faculty who will be completing evaluations after 6 p.m. Nursing packets will be available in the School of Nursing and Allied Health Office; all others may be picked up in the Administrative Office. Teachers are asked to secure their own administrator, who must be a faculty member. However, if this is a problem, please contact Cindy Busch for assistance.

...

Student Affairs will host an "Into the Wee Hours" Open House following the close of the election polls on Tuesday, November 4, beginning at 9 p.m. Faculty, staff, students and guests are invited to come to Rhoades lounge to enjoy free food, participate in games

and other activities, and register to win a door prize. Come and join in the excitement of watching the presidential election results unfold. For more information, you may contact Emily Aubele, Director of Student Affairs, at extension 1270.

...

The Venango Campus Office of Admissions and Financial Aid will hold an open house on Saturday, November 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Rhoades lounge. Representatives will be available to talk with the prospective students and guests about the various programs offered at Venango. Latrobe Barnitz will also be on hand to address questions on financial aid and the admission process. To register for the open house, please contact Theresa Nestor at extension 1211.

...

Students interested in the First Energy program or other applied technology programs are invited to attend an open house on Thursday, November 13, from 6-8 p.m. in the Rhoades lounge. Bill Hallock, chairperson of applied Technology, will address the group. Please contact department secretary, Cortney Huber, at extension 1275, for additional information or to register for the open house.

...

On Thursday, November 20, Clarion University-Venango Campus will hold its annual Harvey Center Lecture Day. Last year, we expanded the programming to include programs for middle school and high school students in the morning and university students in the afternoon, as well as the evening lecture. This year's programs will be of interest to a wide range of students, faculty, and staff, and we hope that you will encourage student attendance, perhaps offering extra credit where appropriate, for either or both programs.

Our featured speaker is Steve Weinberg, University of Missouri professor of journalism and noted author, whose most recent book is *Taking on the Trust: The Epic Battle of Ida Tarbell and John D. Rockefeller*. This nationally-acclaimed account of Ida Tarbell's successful "muckraking" efforts that led to the breakup of Standard Oil was reviewed by *The Wall Street Journal*: "...his deeply researched account is scrupulously even-handed, fair to both the man who was by far the nation's richest tycoon and the woman who was its most famous reporter."

The program for Clarion University students, "Telling History as It Was, Not as You Think It Should Be," will be presented at 3 p.m., at the Rhoades Center. The lecture addresses the challenges of judging subjects by the standards of their own lifetimes rather than that of the writer. Transportation to and from Venango Campus can be arranged.

The evening lecture, "Becoming Rich and Famous, Then Watching Your Back," will be presented at 7 p.m., at Rhoades Center. This is a topic that is especially timely in an age when celebrities and political figures face unprecedented media scrutiny. The presentation is free and open to the public. A dessert reception will follow.

For more information, please call Jerri Gent at 1215 or email jgent@clarion.edu.

...

The next scheduled meeting of the Venango Forum is Friday, November 21. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m., in Montgomery Hall, Room 404. Mr. Joseph Croskey from the Clarion University Academic Enrichment Department will be the guest speaker. Please plan to attend.

E-mail the Venango Voice with your ideas at voice@clarion.edu!

State

Real Halloween back for long traumatized Pa. town

OIL CITY, Pa. (AP) — For 16 years, real horror overshadowed the make-believe terror of Halloween in this Pennsylvania town, where trick-or-treating after dark was banned after an 11-year-old girl was abducted off the street and murdered.

But on Friday, pint-sized witches, princesses and vampires will once again be shuffling from house to house at night, thanks to a petition drive by a fifth-grader.

Elizabeth Roess gathered signatures, wrote an essay outlining her argument, and persuaded City Council two months ago to bring back nighttime trick-or-treating.

"I was a little scared that happened," Elizabeth said of the 1992 slaying of Shauna Howe, who was kidnapped while walking home from a pre-Halloween party. But she added: "I did this and now I'm so happy."

For weeks now, children and their parents in this struggling, working-class town of 10,000 about 80 miles north of Pittsburgh have been eagerly anticipating Halloween's return, though not without some trepidation.

Shannon Goodman got a tether to make sure her 2-year-old daughter, who will dress as a witch, doesn't wander off while they go door to door. "It's going to be a lot of fun, but every parent who cares about their kid

should have that fear," she said.

Fifteen-year-old Braden Craig said: "I have a gut-wrenching feeling something bad's going to happen."

The police department plans to have seven officers on duty Friday night, or about twice the usual number, in addition to four school security guards and all 10 of the town's crossing guards.

"If this all goes well, that's great, that's fantastic. I long for those days, too. But the town has changed," said Police Chief Robert Wenner, a father of five who was a patrolman when the murder occurred.

The local radio station has been running a public service announcement by Wenner urging parents to accompany their children, examine any candy before it is eaten and make sure kids wear reflective material.

The police chief said Shauna's murder shattered the "Mayberry attitude" many people in Oil City had toward their hometown.

Shauna, whose family no longer lives in the area, was abducted on Oct. 27. Three days later, her battered body was found under a railroad trestle eight miles away.

With the town gripped by fear that a child killer was on the loose, trick-or-treating the next day was held in daylight for the first time. Police

watched from helicopters as parents led their children from house to house along quiet streets.

Residents also began locking their doors and driving their children to school. And every year afterward, the City Council voted to allow trick-or-treating in the afternoon only, a move duplicated around the same time by many other U.S. cities and towns worried about children's safety.

The Oil City murder remained unsolved until a witness came forward four years ago and police turned to DNA evidence. Two brothers were arrested and convicted of murder and sexual assault. A third man pleaded guilty to murder.

Hoping to move Halloween back to night hours, Elizabeth, her mother, grandmother and family friends gathered 175 signatures. The 10-year-old also wrote a paper in which she made her case. Among her reasons: Halloween decorations are best appreciated at night, and many people aren't home during the day to give out candy. The council vote was unanimous. Elizabeth plans on dressing up as a Goth princess bride.

"Unfortunately, Shauna's tragedy seemed to define Oil City for many years," Oil City blogger John Noel Bartlett wrote on his Web site. "It's time to move on."

National

US dollar makes comeback, 'bucking' world downturn

US dollar makes comeback, 'bucking' world downturn
By STEVENSON JACOBS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market is in shambles, credit markets are squeezing and corporate earnings are cratering. But one piece of the mangled U.S. economy is making an im-

probable comeback: The once-almighty dollar.

As the financial meltdown clobbers world economies from South America to Asia, investors desperate for safe assets are plowing money into the battered buck — helping it snap a six-year slide and reclaim its long-held status as a stable asset during rough times.

"The dollar has become the safe-

haven play," said Kathy Lien, director of currency research at Global Forex Trading in New York. "It's a pretty monumental move we're seeing."

Trouble is, a resurrected greenback may not be a good thing.

While a stronger dollar makes vacations overseas and commodities

See NATIONAL on page 5

World

Cuba expects new US president to lift embargo

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Cuba's foreign minister says his government expects the next U.S. president to respond to overwhelming international demand and lift the 47-year-old U.S. trade embargo against Cuba.

After the U.N. General Assembly supported repeal of the economic and commercial embargo by its highest margin ever — 185 to 3 with 2 abstentions — on Wednesday, Felipe Perez Roque said in an interview that the winner of the Nov. 4 election should heed the message.

"We expect that the new president will change the policy toward Cuba after nearly 50 years," he told the Associated Press.

The United States has no diplomatic relations with Cuba, lists the country as a state sponsor of terror and has long sought to isolate it through travel restrictions and a trade embargo.

The embargo, imposed in 1962, has been tightened during President Bush's two terms.

Democratic presidential nominee

Barack Obama has said he would be willing to meet with Cuban leader Raul Castro without preconditions and would ease restrictions on family related travel and on money Cuban-Americans want to send to their families in Cuba.

Republican nominee John McCain has called the offer to meet "the wrong signal," but also has said he favors easing restrictions on Cuba once the United States is "confident that the transition to a free and open democracy is being made."

Perez Roque said the vote in the 192-member General Assembly was "a clear signal of the feeling of the international community in favor of the normalization of the relations between the United States and Cuba, and in favor of the lifting of the embargo."

Following the U.S. election, he said, "we hope for the full normalization in the relations between Cuba and the United States."

He said Cuba proposed to the Bush administration acting together against drug trafficking, human smuggling and illegal immigration but this proved im-

possible "because the current government is opposed and its policy towards Cuba is a change of regime."

He said Cuban President Raul Castro has said on several occasions "that we are ready to begin conversation between both parties, of course based on respect, sovereignty and the right of each country to follow its own way."

In his speech to the General Assembly, the 43-year-old Cuban minister said the U.S. embargo is older than "everyone in my generation."

"Seven out of every 10 Cubans have spent their entire lives under this irrational and useless policy which attempts, with no success, to bring our people to their knees," Perez Roque said.

The new president "should decide whether he will admit that the blockade is a failed policy that ... causes greater isolation and discrediting of his country" or whether the United States will continue "to try to defeat the Cuban people through hunger and disease," he said.

NATIONAL: Dollar's recovery considered 'stunning'

Continued from page 4

like oil cheaper for Americans, it also makes U.S. exports more expensive. That could deepen the U.S. downturn by hurting companies from Boeing Co. to Caterpillar Inc. and Coca-Cola Co. that get an increasingly big chunk of their earnings from overseas.

Still, the dollar's recovery is stunning for a currency that until recently was considered the dog among its main rivals. After reigning supreme as the world's dominant reserve currency for decades, the dollar began a steep decline in 2002, buckling under the weight of costly wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and an economy with an \$800 billion annual

trade deficit.

Falling U.S. interest rates this year sped up the dollar's decline until it took \$1.60 to buy one euro at one point this summer. Shortly after the euro was introduced in January 2002, it took only 88 cents to buy one euro.

Now, suddenly, the buck looks safe by comparison. The economic pain spawned by the U.S. subprime mess has now crossed the Atlantic, roiling stock markets in Britain, France and Germany and punishing the euro and the pound.

The 15-nation euro this week fell to its lowest level against the dollar since April 2006 while the pound at one point last week lost a staggering 8 cents against the dollar — the biggest intraday move since exchange rates became

freely floated in 1971.

The euro traded at \$1.2852 in New York late Wednesday, while the British pound traded at \$1.6314.

Meanwhile, once-booming emerging economies are also slowing, causing big hedge funds and individual investors to funnel vast sums of money out of countries like Brazil, India and China and into the relatively low-risk dollar.

The stampede into the greenback reflects a "crisis of confidence," Lien said. While the U.S. economy by no means is showing signs of a recovery, Lien said other countries are "just beginning to feel the magnitude of the global slowdown, whereas the U.S. is maybe three-quarters of the way through."

Phi Theta Kappa has ongoing fundraisers, events

Phi Theta Kappa held its fall induction on Monday, October 20. Five new members were welcomed to the group: Melinda Eckman, Respiratory Care; John Hamm, Applied Technology; Charity Hansford, ASN; James Langharst, Criminal Justice; and Josh McBride, Applied Technology. Congratulations to you all and welcome!

Phi Theta Kappa would like to send our sincerest "Thank You" to Dr. Joan Huber for facilitating the first Honor's Seminar. We thank her for taking her personal time to help make our event a success!

PTK will hold an officer's meeting on November 3 at 4:30 p.m., in the meeting room in Rhoades. The next general meeting will be held on November 17 at 4:30 p.m., in Rhoades.

...
Phi Theta Kappa is currently sponsoring a Soy Candles sale. Candles are \$6 each.

The following scents are available: Candy Apple, Spa, Red Delicious Apple, Wild Cherry, Passionate Kisses, Love Spell, Spiritual Awakening, Gardenia, Lavender Aromatherapy, Lavender Silk, German Chocolate Cake, Cool Water, Mango Mandarin, Sexy as Sin, Sheer Seduction, Desire, Blackberry Brulee, Scandalous, Strawberries and Cream, Cherry Crumb Pie, Sweet Cinnamon Pumpkin, Citronella, Whipped Pumpkin Pie, Cotton Blossom, Sun Ripened Raspberry, and Lilac.

Candles can be bought from the following PTK members: Jaime Renwick, Charity Barger, Beth Austin, Daniele Merryman, Charity Hansford, Patti Shontz, Ester Estes, Deb Carbaugh,

Melinda Eckman, and Lori Secor.

...
Phi Theta Kappa members are currently selling pies. These pies are the same that ALO has sold in the past.

PTK has been chosen to host next year's PA Leadership Convention, and they are working hard to raise funds for this event. The pie sale will run through Thursday, November 6. The delivery date is Thursday, November 20.

The following pies are \$7.50 each and will arrive frozen: Apple, Apple Caramel Walnut, Apple Crisp, Blackberry, Cherry, Peach, Peach Praline, Pecan, Pineapple Upside Down, Pumpkin, and Strawberry. Strawberry Rhubarb and Very Berry are also available for purchase.

The following Ready-

to-Serve pies are 10 inches round and are \$7.50 each: Coconut Meringue, Lemon Meringue, Banana Cream, Chocolate Cream, and Brownie Vanilla Cream.

Other goodies available for purchase include: Pumpkin Rolls - \$6.00 each; and Apple Dumpings (4 per package) - \$6.00 each.

Please see any of the PTK officers and members listed below: Patti Shontz, Lori Secor, Charity Barger, Jaime Renwick, Beth Austin, Esther Estes, Daniele Merryman, Charity Hansford, John Hamm, Tom Meier, Deb Carbaugh, or Melinda Eckman.

For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu.

...

Two PTK leaders presented at state convention

Patti Shontz, president of Clarion University-Venango Campus' Alpha Kappa Delta Chapter of the international honor society Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), and Charity Barger, co-vice president of membership, recently presented a paper entitled "What Works for Us: Collaboration Within Our Community" at the 2008 Pennsylvania Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Convention held at Delaware County Commu-

nity College in Media, Pennsylvania.

The event was attended by Phi Theta Kappa members from chapters in Pennsylvania, the Division I International Vice President, and state PTK presidents from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, as well as the Middle States Regional PTK President and Coordinator.

The Venango Campus-based chapter has been selected as the site of the 2009

state-wide leadership conference.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education, with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters located in the United States, U.S. territories, Canada, Germany, and Japan.

Its mission is to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and to provide opportunities for

individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service, and fellowship programming.

The Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Clarion University-Venango Campus provides an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and information, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.



Two Clarion University-Venango Campus Phi Theta Kappa leaders presented a paper titled "What Works for Us: Collaboration Within Our Community" at the 2008 Pennsylvania Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Convention held in Media, Pa.

Pictured are PTK President Patti Shontz (second from left) and Co-Vice President of Membership Charity Barger (far right) with international and state Phi Theta Kappa leaders.

See the full story on page 6 of this issue.

EVENTS: Bloodmobile to visit campus on Nov. 6

Continued from page 1

nity room of the Student Apartment Complex.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will sponsor the Central Blood Bank Bloodmobile on Thursday, November 6, from 11 a.m. to

4 p.m., in Rhoades Gymnasium.

To donate, proper identification is required. Identification may include a Central Blood Bank or military ID, driver's license, or employee badge with picture and full name, as well as a birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor's full name.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Austin at 814-673-3848 or s_edAustin@clarion.edu.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will meet on Thursday, November 6, from 11 a.m.

See EVENTS on page 8

FUNDS: Students can contact Senate with concerns

Continued from page 1

sophomore. Vice President Shelly Weaver (s_slweaver1@clarion.edu) is a Criminal Justice/Sociology double major and is a junior this year. Mark Snavelly (s_mesnavelly@clarion.edu), a sophomore criminal justice major and Kiesha Hunsberger (s_krhunsberg@clarion.edu), a freshman paralegal major are the secretaries (VPs). Treasurer Jen Carr (s_jlcarr1@clarion.edu) is a nursing major and is a freshman this year. And last, but certainly not least, is our very awesome advisor, Emily Aubele (eaubele@clarion.edu). Again, if you need us for anything, feel free to come to us personally or

send an e-mail and we will work on the situation to get it resolved. If anyone is interested in joining Student Senate now or in the future, please contact any one of our members.

Don't miss our upcoming event 'Celebrate the Seasons' in Rhoades Center on December 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is sponsored by Student Senate to recognize the various religious and cultural traditions celebrated during the winter season. There will be a few different styles of food for you to try and information for you to learn about the different cultures.

Student Senate has also implemented a food committee amongst our members. This committee will work

with CrossRhoades Café to receive better food selection, better prices, etc. for our students. This is an on-going effort on our behalf and we will continue to work on this. We are also in the preliminary stages of discussing the feasibility of having health services available to students on our campus. These services would include, but not limited to, a place for students to receive influenza shots, receive basic services for students who may live out of town and cannot see their regular doctor, and, more importantly, a place where students may receive services if they are injured on campus!

EVENTS: Waongo Dance Company to perform

Continued from page 7

to 12:30 p.m., in room 307 of Montgomery Hall. For more information, contact Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu or Charity Barger at s_clbarger@clarion.edu.

The Waongo Dance Company will perform on Friday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m., in Rhoades Center. The Waongo Dance Company is a traditional ensemble of master drummers, musicians, and dancers, residents of the Democratic Republic of Congo who perform ancestral songs and dances of Central Africa.

Cellofourte will perform on Saturday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Latonia Theatre in Oil City. The group is comprised of four cellists who "create a musically diverse experience by boldly defying the boundaries of classical music and rock."

"Into the Wild" will be shown on Saturday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

The Satellite Seminar Series will feature Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes in a DVD presentation of "Pathways out of Poverty through Green Collar Jobs: The Role of Scholarship in Improving Quality of Life for Urban Residents"

on Monday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium.

Career Services will sponsor the Transitions Bus Tour on Friday, November 21. The trip is for those students who plan to transition from Venango Campus to Clarion University's main campus. The bus will leave the upper parking lot of Venango Campus at approximately 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The free trip will provide students a Q&A session with Clarion University admissions representative Bill Bailey, a tour of main campus, and a free lunch.

The response rate will depend on the size of the bus reserved, so students must RSVP by Friday, October 31, to Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at 676-6591, extension 1373, or at mconrad@clarion.edu. In addition, sign up sheets are available now at the Learning Support Center, at the Student Affairs office, and at the Career Services Center in Montgomery Hall.

For more information, contact Mark Conrad at the above locations.

"I'm Not There" will be shown on Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Thanksgiving holiday begins on Tuesday, November 25, at 10 p.m. Friday classes meet in place of Tuesday classes on this day.

December

Thanksgiving break ends at 8 a.m., on Monday, December 1.

Student Senate will sponsor Celebrate the Seasons on Wednesday, December 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Rhoades Center. The event will recognize various religious and cultural traditions celebrated during the winter season.

"The Darjeeling Limited" will be the final film shown in the Independent Film Series on Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

For more information, contact Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu.

Classes for the fall 2008 semester end on Friday, December 5. The Final Exam Period will begin Monday, December 8 and end on Friday, December 12. Winter Commencement will take place on Saturday, December 13, in Clarion.

Miscellaneous

Yoga sessions will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins. With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions are free.

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 11

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

Alumni Chapter plans activities

The Venango Campus Alumni Chapter has scheduled two networking events for November.

An informal alumni networking lunch will be held on Wednesday, November 19, from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Center. The lunch will be held on the 40th anniversary of Phi Theta Kappa Founder's Day, when the campus' chapter of the international honor society will hold a sale of

scented soy candles in the center from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The chapter will also sponsor refreshments during a faculty-led discussion following the film "Into the Wild," which will be shown in Rhoades Center at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 15.

The film is part of the campus' Fall Independent Film Series and is free and open to the public.

The chapter welcomes

new members and is open to anyone who has attended classes at the Venango Campus or is interested in getting together to socialize and have fun while advocating for the campus and its students in the community and beyond. There is no charge to belong to the group.

For more information contact Jerri Gent, director of Marketing and University Relations, at 676-6591, extension 1215.

Event set for electric utility students

November

Veterans' Day is Tuesday, November 11.

...

An Open House for students interested in the Electric Utility Technology concentration of the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology degree will be held Thursday, November 13, at 6 p.m., in the Rhoades Center. The program is free and open to all interested persons. Students do not need to pre-register.

For more information

about the open house or the Applied Technology programs, contact Professor Bill Hallock at 814-676-6591, extension 1307, or whallock@clarion.edu.

...

"Into the Wild" will be shown on Saturday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

...

The Satellite Seminar Series will feature Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes in a DVD presentation of

"Pathways out of Poverty through Green Collar Jobs: The Role of Scholarship in Improving Quality of Life for Urban Residents" on Monday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will hold its Founder's Day Soy Candle Sale on Wednesday, November 19, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Rhoades Center. The sale is in recognition of PTK's

See EVENTS on page 8

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

ALUMNI EVENTS 1

EVENTS 1-8

TRASH TALK 2

JOB OPENINGS 3

TRANSITIONS
BUS TOUR 3

STATE NEWS 4

NATIONAL NEWS 4

WORLD NEWS 5

ELECTRIC UTIL-
ITY OPEN HOUSE 6

NOW YA KNOW! 6

COURSE
OPENING 7

VENANGO
GROWING 7

Geothermal energy is clean, renewable source



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

This week I continue my quest to find out more about renewable energy sources. Geothermal energy, simply, is a clean, renewable source of energy that uses heat from within the earth. This is an inexhaustible flow of heat that can be used for electricity production, direct use, and home heating.

Geothermal energy can

be used directly in the form of hot water from springs or reservoirs near the earth's surface by piping it directly into buildings and industries for heat. This is a successful heating system, as shown in Reykjavik, Iceland, where 95 percent of the buildings are heated by geothermal energy.

To produce electricity, wells are drilled into a reservoir of hot water or steam, which lies far below the groundwater table. The liquid is brought to the surface and converted into electricity at a power plant. Geothermal electric power plants, currently in use in seven states and in over 20 countries, produce power free from emissions and pollution. Amazingly, this is not a new technology; the first geothermal power plant was tested in 1904 in Italy. The first in the United States was made in 1922 at The

Geysers Resort Hotel. The power plant provided electricity to the entire resort, but faltered because it was not competitive with other forms of energy production. The United States currently produces more geothermal electricity than any other country. Currently, about six million people in the U.S. get their household energy through geothermal technology. About three million people get it from geothermal power plants. The other three million use geothermal heat pumps to provide heating and cooling.

Using geothermal energy to provide heating and cooling for a house really is quite amazing. To cool a space, heat is pumped out and dissipated into the earth; for heating, that heat is simply pumped back into the space. Able to be implemented anywhere on

earth, this is one of the most efficient heating and cooling systems in existence.

Curious about this geothermal pump? I visited www.geoexchange.org and discovered there are contractors in western Pennsylvania that install the system - one in Saxonburg, near Pittsburgh.

While it is quite costly to drill, when the system is added to an existing home, it "saves enough in utility bills that the investment can be recouped in two to ten years (consumerenergycenter.org)."

Homeowner incentives are available as well; details can be found at www.dsireusa.org.

Reference material for this article can be found at: www.geo-energy.org, www.answers.com/topic/geothermal-power, and www.consumerenergycenter.org.

E-mail the Venango Voice with your ideas at voice@clarion.edu!

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Columnists

Lori Secor Marla Harp Lola Deets

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania - Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Two positions are open to soon-to-be graduates

Graduating in December? Your answer to a good job may be in this opening. Include a quality cover letter with your resume, noting you will be completing your degree so the interviewer is aware of your pending accomplishment.

A full-time Administrative Assistant position with the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce is available. The position requires an energetic "people-person" with excellent communication skills, knowledge of QuickBooks Pro 2008, Word and Excel. Substantial bookkeeping and secretarial responsibilities are to be expected. Send resume and cover letter by mail or email to: Executive Director, Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce, 202 W. Central Ave., Titusville, PA 16354, or jerrys@titusvillechamber.com. No phone calls, please.

...

If you desire to both live and work in the area, then don't miss out on this unique opportunity. Candidates should apply as soon as possible due to their immediate need.

A Customer Service – Clerical

Administrative Support person is needed immediately. If you are planning to graduate soon or have already graduated, French Creek Production would like to hear from you.

The company is looking for a full-time employee but will consider part-time for students who are planning on graduating this December.

The potential candidate will possess excellent customer service skills, as well as computer skills – Microsoft Office Suite experience with a thorough understanding of Excel and Outlook.

A typical day would include: answering and routing incoming calls from potential customers, vendors, salespeople and general public; being able to proficiently multi-task would be an asset; entering sales orders into the Microsoft software program "Great Plains," as well as Excel spreadsheets; handling daily computerized accounting (AR/AP) as well as numeric keypad entry; while you are working, you will be establishing rapport with various customers; you will also learn and apply product knowledge about FCP's diverse product line; and typing, filing,

mailing and sorting incoming mail are also essential job duties.

Pay starts at \$9.00 per hour depending on skill set. The selected candidate will work Monday through Friday, no weekends. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - evenings are free, and an unpaid hour for lunch. Seven paid holidays plus one floating holiday per calendar year will be given, and one week paid vacation is available after the first year. Attire is business casual, and 401K benefits are coming in January 2009. Medical benefits will begin soon as well.

Interested applicants need to submit an updated resume to: Brook Siar/ Human Resource Director, French Creek Production, at bsiar@velo.city.net, or via fax: 814-437-2544.

Visit www.frenchcreekproductions.com to learn more about this organization.

For resume preparation assistance or for more information about job placement, contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at mconrad@clarion.edu or by phone at 676-6591, extension 1373.

Sign up for Transitions Bus Tour to Clarion main

Career Services will sponsor the Transitions Bus Tour on Friday, November 21.

The trip is for those students who plan to transition from Venango Campus to Clarion University's main campus to complete their degree within the next two years.

Students who experience anxiety about the transition will have their worries eased, according to Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad, as questions regarding transfer credits, parking,

housing, changing majors, and many other topics will be covered.

The free trip will provide students a Q&A session with Clarion University admissions representative Bill Bailey, a tour of main campus, and a free lunch courtesy of Career Services at Chartwells.

The bus will leave the upper parking lot of Venango Campus at approximately 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 pm.

The response rate will depend on

the size of the bus reserved, so students should RSVP as soon as possible, to Mark Conrad, coordinator of Career Services, at 676-6591, extension 1373, or at mconrad@clarion.edu.

In addition, sign up sheets are available now at the Learning Support Center in Montgomery Hall, at the Student Affairs office in Rhoades Center, and at the Career Services Center in Montgomery Hall.

For more information, contact Mark Conrad at the above locations.

State

Pennsylvania was a keystone to Obama victory

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Barack Obama built his victory in Pennsylvania along the state's populous eastern corridor by carrying not only Philadelphia, but also the city's once solidly Republican suburbs, the Lehigh Valley and key counties in the northeastern Pennsylvania swing region. Like any strong Democratic candidate, he also won Pittsburgh.

But there were broader undercurrents that kept the state's 21 electoral votes beyond the reach of Republican nominee John McCain.

Exit polling by The Associated Press found that Obama drew his strongest support from voters aged 18-29 and majority support from those in the 45-64 age bracket. He was the clear favorite among moderates and independents. He also received more support from Republicans than McCain received from Democrats.

The candidates split the white vote, but Obama was the overwhelming choice among blacks and Hispanics, according to the analysis of information from voters interviewed as they left polling places. The interviews were conducted for The Associated Press by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International.

An estimated 6 million Pennsylvanians were expected to vote Tuesday, or 65 percent of residents old enough to vote. Even before the last

votes were counted, the turnout appeared to be more than 61 percent, the largest since 1968.

At a breakfast with business leaders Wednesday in Philadelphia, GOP Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter and Gov. Ed Rendell, a Democrat, were positive about Obama's ability to lead.

"I'm optimistic that Senator Obama will bring some bipartisanship back into Washington, D.C., which is so sorely needed," Specter said.

Obama's victory marked the fifth straight presidential election in which the Democrats carried Pennsylvania.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Obama had 3,165,808 votes, or 55 percent, and McCain had 2,568,544, or 44 percent.

In races for Congress, veteran Republican Rep. Phil English was defeated by businesswoman Kathy Dahlkemper, an anti-abortion Democrat, but longtime Democratic Reps. John Murtha and Paul Kanjorski beat back tough re-election challenges.

In the state government, Attorney General Tom Corbett, a Republican, and Auditor General Jack Wagner, a Democrat, both won second four-year terms. Democrat Rob McCord, a venture capitalist and newcomer to state politics, won the open seat of state treasurer.

Democrats now outnumber Republicans by more than 1 million in a

state that last chose a Republican for president when it supported George H. Bush in 1988.

In the Democratic primary in April, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton scored a nearly double-digit victory over Obama, a result attributed partly to disenchantment with Obama among white working-class voters.

Obama's running mate, Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, sought to help Obama win over those same socially conservative voters by playing up his roots as a native of Scranton in northeastern Pennsylvania.

But Obama did not help his cause when he said shortly before the primary that many small-town Pennsylvanians "cling to guns or religion" because of they are bitter about their economic plight. Pennsylvania is a strong gun rights state with almost 1 million licensed hunters.

The outlook for the GOP dimmed as Democrats added 600,000 voters to their rolls over the past year and the Republicans lost ground. McCain spent nearly three times as many days campaigning in Pennsylvania as Obama, but the GOP effort was hurt by some missteps. A former Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice had to apologize for a GOP e-mail sent to Jewish voters that likened a vote for Barack Obama to ignoring warning signals that led to the Holocaust.

National

Papers sell out as readers seek Obama keepsakes

NEW YORK (AP) — Newsstands from Seattle to New York quickly sold out of Wednesday's papers declaring Barack Obama the nation's first black president as some jubilant customers picked up two, three or even 30 copies as keepsakes.

The New York Times and the Chicago Tribune in Obama's home-

town were among papers that restarted their printing presses to produce hundreds of thousands of additional copies across the country.

Entrepreneurs were seeking as much as \$600 for the Times on eBay Wednesday.

"Own a piece of history," Walter Elliott said as he hawked 90 copies of

The Sun from a Baltimore street corner.

Some papers devoted their entire front pages to a single photo of Obama — in the San Francisco Chronicle's case, overlaid with "OBAMA" in enormous type and a snippet from his

World

Africa, and world, celebrate Obama victory

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — For many across Africa and the world, Barack Obama's election seals America's reputation as a land of staggering opportunity.

"If it were possible for me to get to the United States on my bicycle, I would," said Joseph Ochieng, a 36-year-old carpenter who lives in Kenya's sprawling Kibera shantytown, a maze of tin-roofed shacks and dirt roads.

Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki declared a public holiday Thursday in the country of Obama's late father, allowing celebrations to continue through the night and into a second day. From Europe and Asia to the Middle East, many expressed amazement that the U.S. could overcome centuries of racial strife and elect an African-American president.

Scenes of jubilation broke out in the western Kenya village of Kogelo, where many of Obama's Kenyan relatives still live. People sang, danced in the streets and wrapped themselves in U.S. flags. A group of exuberant resi-

dents picked up the president-elect's half brother Malik and carried him through the village.

"Unbelievable!" Malik Obama shouted, leading the family in chanting, "Obama's coming, make way!"

"He's in!" said Rachel Ndimu, 23, a Kenyan business student who joined hundreds of others for an election party that began at 5 a.m. Wednesday at the residence of the U.S. ambassador to Kenya, Michael Ranneberger.

"I think this is awesome, and the whole world is backing him," Ndimu said as people raised glasses of champagne.

Obama was born in Hawaii, where he spent most of his childhood raised by his white mother. He barely knew his father.

But for the world's poorest continent, the ascent of a man of African heritage to America's highest office was a source of immeasurable pride and hope.

Tributes rolled in from two of Africa's groundbreaking leaders. Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black

president, said Obama gave the world the courage to dream.

"Your victory has demonstrated that no person anywhere in the world should not dare to dream of wanting to change the world for a better place," Mandela said in a letter of congratulations.

Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf — the first woman elected to head an African country — said she did not expect to see a black American president in her lifetime.

"All Africans now know that if you persevere, all things are possible," she said.

In Indonesia, where Obama lived as child, hundreds of students at his former elementary school erupted in cheers when he was declared winner, pouring into the courtyard where they hugged, danced in the rain and chanted "Obama! Obama!"

In Britain, The Sun newspaper borrowed from Neil Armstrong's 1969 moon landing in describing Obama's election as "one giant leap for mankind."

NATIONAL: USA Today: "America makes history"

Continued from page 4

acceptance speech: "Change has come to America." USA Today declared, "America makes history."

The Plain Dealer in Cleveland offered high-quality reprints of the front page for \$54.95. Below the headline "Change Has Come," a close-up of Obama covers three-fourths of the page.

John Penley, a white man who recalled drinking out of the "wrong" water fountain as a kid in North Carolina, searched New York's Lower East Side on Wednesday for papers to mark an event he never dreamed possible in his lifetime.

"There was one copy left at the bodega around the corner, and people

were actually fighting for it," said Penley, a retired photojournalist. "I can't find a copy of any paper anywhere."

At New York's Port Authority bus terminal, Ralston Montague grabbed 30 copies of the Times for family and friends.

"Everybody has to read (the news), brother," he said.

Say what you want about the Internet replacing printed newspapers, but saving a copy of a Web page on a disk isn't the same.

"What it really shows is there's a unique value to print," said Steve Hills, The Washington Post's president and general manager. "It's the ability to look at the whole thing and have a piece of history in your hands."

A newsstand in Evanston, Ill., sold 100 copies of the Times in 10 minutes — even as the major local papers, the Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times, rushed to print hundreds of thousands of extra copies.

A convenience store in Mineola, N.Y., saw many new faces.

"I never saw papers sold with such a spirit," said Kirit Patel, who operates the store.

"I saw some customers who never buy a paper, but today they bought two copies. They were asking for more papers."

Papers all over the country found crowds of customers outside their buildings clamoring for copies. A one-per-person rule was instituted at the Times' headquarters.

Electric Utility Open House to be held at VC

Clarion University-Venango Campus will host an open house for students interested in the Electric Utility Technology concentration of the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology Degree, which is offered through a partnership between FirstEnergy Corporation, the parent company of Penelec, and Clarion University.

The open house will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at the campus. The program is free and open to all interested persons.

Tours of the campus will be available at 5 p.m. Additional parking will be available at the Penelec parking lot at 1600 West First Street.

across from the campus. Students do not need to pre-register.

This award-winning two-year program is designed to educate future electric utility professionals with an emphasis on overhead line work. Launched in fall 2005 at the Venango Campus, it is the first such program in FirstEnergy's Penelec service area.

The program has been so successful that FirstEnergy doubled the size of the incoming class in 2006. FirstEnergy also provides qualified students enrolled in the program free tuition, including college fees, books, and protective clothing.

The open house program will be presented by representatives of FirstEnergy Corporation's Power Systems

Institute (PSI) and Professor Bill Hallock, chair of the university's Department of Applied Technology.

Information will also be available at the open house about other concentrations of study offered through the Department of Applied Technology.

Under this unique model, students complete general education and business courses at Clarion University-Venango Campus and the technical component of the degree through licensed, certified, accredited and/or otherwise approved technical education providers. Graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology or Administration Technology degree from Clarion

University.

In addition to FirstEnergy, the university's Department of Applied Technology has partnerships with Precision Manufacturing Institute (PMI) in Meadville; The Learning Center in Seneca; the National Hardwood Lumber Association in Memphis, Tennessee; Triangle Tech, which has campuses in Pittsburgh, Erie, Greensburg, DuBois, and Sunbury, Pennsylvania; and Preferred Systems, Inc. of Erie.

To learn more about the Applied Technology programs, contact Professor Hallock at 814-676-6591, ext. 1307, or whallock@clarion.edu.



NOW YA KNOW!

Q. What is the "lightest" kind of air?

- A. Cold and humid
- B. Cold and dry
- C. Hot and humid
- D. Hot and Dry



A. Hot and humid!

Hot air rises because it is lighter. Clouds are in the sky because water vapor is actually lighter than air.



ENG 307: Business Writing is still open for spring

Seats are still available in ENG 307: Business Writing for the Spring 2009 Semester.

If you need some help with composing letters, memos, persuasive messages and reports, ENG 307: Business Writing is the course for you.

The course will be taught by Dr. Ellen Foster during the spring semester and will meet on Tuesdays from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

ENG 307: Business Writing is re-

quired for students who are majoring in paralegal studies or business, but is a great elective for other majors, too.

You are eligible to take the course as long as you have completed or will successfully complete English 111 this fall.

If you are interested in taking the course, stop at Dr. Foster's office in room 304 Montgomery Hall so that she can help you to enroll in the Business Writing course.

If you are a first year student, you will not be able to get into the course without Dr. Foster's permission.

If this is the case, contact Dr. Foster regarding your interest in the course to discuss whether or not she may be able to help you enroll.

For more information about ENG 307: Business Writing and enrollment in the course, contact Dr. Ellen Foster at efoster@clarion.edu, or at her office.

Clarion University-Venango continues to grow

Clarion University-Venango Campus shows all the signs of a growing regional campus, including growing programs and over \$3.5 million in construction projects currently underway, according to a recent report to visiting members of the Clarion University Council of Trustees.

Chris Reber, executive dean of Clarion University-Venango Campus, outlined the various new and growing academic programs and highlighted a highly visible community project and its near completion.

"We're delighted that the long-anticipated renovation of the West End Pond is nearly finished," said Reber.

"We are planning a community event next spring to celebrate the completion of the pond and the next two student apartment buildings, a two story and a three-story."

Libby Williams, former librarian and chair of the Venango Advisory Council, proudly reported that the Campus had received over \$840,000 in gifts and grants for the project.

Other Venango accomplishments during the past year include:

The Campus hosted the second annual Birding Festival sponsored by the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry and Tourism and a meeting of the Clarion University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The National Hardwood Lumber Association held its Lumber Grading School in Oil City, the first time it has been offered anywhere outside of Memphis, Tennessee. The school attracted 14 lumber industry professionals from Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin, earning their lumber grading certification from NHLA during the summer. Several will continue their pursuit of Venango's associate of applied science in industrial technology degree.

The second annual Barbara Morgan Harvey Community History Days celebration included campus and community activities, attracting hundreds of participants. Students, faculty, and staff also participated in the Oil Heritage Festivals in Oil City and Titusville, earning a second-place prize for a float in the Oil City parade.

The School of Nursing and Allied Health completed the reaccreditation process for the associate and bachelor of science in nursing programs, both of which will be reaccredited for a full eight years. The pass rate on the national R.N. certification exam, NCLEX, topped 90 percent this year.

Work continues with UPMC Northwest and Meadville Medical Center to provide the A.S.N. to cohorts of hospital employees and prospective employees. Three cohort groups are currently underway and Venango will begin a fourth next spring at Meadville Medical Center.

Work continues on a self-study for national accreditation of the growing applied technology program. An advisory committee comprised of community and industrial leaders has also been formed to provide advice and input. Future partnerships and concentrations could include potential programming in sustainability, alternative energy, and robotics.

Faculty are working on two new degree proposals, a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Operations and a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. Both would be upper-division degree completion programs for students currently in associate degree programs and would be offered on line. A goal of September 2010 has been set for implementation.

The Venango Honors program continues to grow, with over 20 students enrolled and more on the way.

Continuing education now includes non-credit certificate programs in Pharmacy Tech and Phlebotomy, both in partnership with UPMC Northwest.

A new Club Sports program is now under development that will provide enhanced recreational opportunities for students, including club sport competition with other campuses and colleges.

The program is planned for a Fall 2009 start.

EVENTS: Harvey Center Lecture slated Nov. 20

Continued from page 1

40th Founder's Day Anniversary.

An informal alumni networking lunch will be held by the Venango Campus Alumni Chapter on Wednesday, November 19, from noon to 1:30 p.m., at Rhoades Center.

The Annual Harvey Center Lecture will take place on Thursday, November 20, at 7 p.m.

Steve Weinburg, nationally known author of *Taking on the Trust*, an account of the defeat of John D. Rockefeller at the hands of "muckraking" journalist Ida Tarbell, which led to the breakup of Standard Oil, will speak.

Career Services will sponsor the Transitions Bus Tour on Friday, November 21.

The trip is for those students who plan to transition from Venango Campus to Clarion University's main campus.

The bus will leave the upper parking lot of Venango Campus at approximately 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The free trip will provide students a Q&A session with Clarion University admissions representative Bill Bailey, a tour of main campus, and a free lunch.

The response rate will depend on

the size of the bus reserved, so students must RSVP by Friday, October 31, to Mark Conrad, coordinator of Career Services, at 676-6591, extension 1373, or at mconrad@clarion.edu. In addition, sign up sheets are available now at the Learning Support Center, at the Student Affairs office, and at the Career Services Center in Montgomery Hall.

For more information, contact Mark Conrad at the above locations.

"I'm Not There" will be shown on Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Thanksgiving holiday begins on Tuesday, November 25, at 10 p.m. Friday classes meet in place of Tuesday classes on this day.

Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27.

December

Thanksgiving break ends at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 1.

Student Senate will sponsor Celebrate the Seasons on Wednesday, December 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Rhoades Center. The event will recognize various religious and cultural traditions celebrated during the winter season.

"The Darjeeling Limited" will be the final film shown in the Independent Film

Series on Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

For more information, contact Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu.

Classes for the fall 2008 semester end on Friday, December 5. The Final Exam Period will begin Monday, December 8, and end on Friday, December 12. Winter Commencement will take place on Saturday, December 13, in Clarion.

Miscellaneous

Yoga sessions will be held every Thursday at 11 a.m. in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins. With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions are free.

Cardio-kickboxing sessions will be held every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m., at the Franklin School of Kung Fu, 845 Buffalo St., Franklin. The sessions are free.

Joann Wheeler will display her art at Rhoades Center throughout December.

Her three-dimensional collages and boxes have been exhibited and sold in juried group shows in several galleries.

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR PAPER, YOUR VOICE

VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 12

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Student weighs in on Continuing Ed.

The Venango Campus has a continuing Education Department with a variety of options with concentrations in medical and business fields. This is one student's perspective on the Medical Office Assistant Certificate Program.

Freshman Jessica O'Neill began her program in August and will receive her certificate in August 2009. She developed an interest in the program based on working as a nurse aide in a nursing home and a receptionist at an audiologist's office. The one-year program is very concentrated, since she takes many evening classes for an entire year. Her Saturday mornings are filled with Anatomy, Physiology, Medical Coding, and Bill-

ing classes taught by seasoned professionals.

She noted, "I wasn't sure about jumping into Nursing so I thought I would ease into the medical field with this program. You need to be focused because there are no long vacation breaks like Associate degree students are accustomed to receiving, so you must always be studying and not get behind."

During the summer, she'll take an unpaid internship at UPMC Northwest, which permits hands-on learning, focusing on coding and billing under the supervision of doctors and nurses. She also works in the Career Center in Montgomery Hall and currently assists students with job search activities, such as

resume creation. Jessica is looking forward to the upcoming Spring Nursing Career Fair as that is her long-term goal.

Other Continuing Education programs include: Bookkeeping, Small Business Management, Executive Office Management, Legal Office Management, Medical Coding, Medical Office Management, and Massage Therapy. New this year are the Pharmacy Technician and Phlebotomy Technician programs and the Program Evaluation for Public and Non-Profit Organizations.

For more information about these programs, contact Hope Lineman in Frame Hall, extension 1273 or e-mail hlineman@clarion.edu.

Seminar Series continues Monday

November

The Satellite Seminar Series will feature Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes in a DVD presentation of "Pathways out of Poverty through Green Collar Jobs: The Role of Scholarship in Improving Quality of Life

for Urban Residents" on Monday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium.

...

Phi Theta Kappa will hold its Founder's Day Soy Candle Sale on Wednesday, November 19, from 10

a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Rhoades Center. The sale is in recognition of PTK's 40th Founder's Day Anniversary.

...

An informal alumni

See EVENTS on page 10

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

CONTINUING EDUCATION	1
EVENTS	1-10
TRASH TALK	2
HARVEY LECTURE	3
"INTO THE WILD"	3
STATE NEWS	4
NATIONAL NEWS	4
WORLD NEWS	5
JOB OPENINGS	6
LOTT PRESENTED	7
VENANGO UPDATES	8
THANK YOU!	8
MARLA HARP	9
PTK PIE SALE	9
NOW YA KNOW!	9

Careful with that bag of popcorn; it has diacetyl!



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

Pop...pop...pop...
pop...standing in front of the microwave waiting, it seems to take forever for that bag of popcorn to finish. Finally! You grab that bag out and rip it open trying not to get a steam burn and breathe in nice and deep....aaaaah, love that smell, right? Finally, a snack that won't make you fat! That nice big bag of 98 percent fat free butter fla-

vored popcorn takes the guilt out of movie night for millions. A healthy snack. Yeah, possibly.

Here's the deal. That buttery smell and taste on the popcorn isn't really butter. If it were, it sure wouldn't be a '100 calorie snack'. It's a man-made chemical called diacetyl that makes that magic. It is used in the microwave popcorn, of course, but also in some other snack foods, pet foods, candies, baked goods, and some other food products; it's basically found in stuff that is meant to taste like butter, without the butter. (I'm still trying to remember if I have ever smelled a pet food that resembled butter.)

So what's the big deal about diacetyl? If you check out the MSDS sheet, it's not a big deal unless you work in the plant making the food additives or the popcorn. OSHA reports several occurrences of 'severe lung

disease' at microwave popcorn packaging facilities, such as fixed airways obstruction, some consistent with bronchiolitis obliterans, which is life threatening and non-reversible. (Basically, the tiny bronchioles in the lungs are plugged up.) Other problems reported by employees include other respiratory illnesses, eye, nasal, and upper respiratory irritation and/or burns.

There have been consumer reports of problems related to microwave popcorn. Symptoms were similar in nature to those of the workers, although I was unable to find just how many.

Apparently there have been enough to motivate lawyers to advertise online for their services in cases of 'popcorn lung', as it's being called. From what I gather, the FDA, a federal agency in place to protect

public health (wow, I typed that without laughing!), is 'concerned about potential health hazards' posed from exposure to both workers and consumers. However, they, the FDA, instead of stopping the use of diacetyl, say they will submit a report on its PLAN to research the issue. Well, at least they have a plan.

What exactly does that mean for the popcorn-loving, health-conscious consumer? Does popcorn have to join Doritos and Ben and Jerry's on our 'no-no' list? My opinion, however inconsequential, is this: Don't stick your face in the bag when you've popped it. Find another bag to hyperventilate into as we draw close to finals week. As for me, I'll stick with the air-popped variety.

Reference material for this article was found at:
www.osha.gov and
www.fda.gov.

E-mail the Venango Voice with your ideas at voice@clarion.edu!

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271 Email: voice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnists
Lori Secor Marla Harp Lola Deets

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania - Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Author to present annual Harvey Center Lecture

Steve Weinberg, noted author and professor of journalism at the University of Missouri, will be the guest speaker at the fourth annual lecture of the Barbara Morgan Harvey Center for the Study of Oil Heritage at Clarion University-Venango Campus.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will be held Thursday, November 20, in the Robert W. Rhoades Center auditorium at 7 p.m.

A dessert reception will follow the program.

Mr. Weinberg's lecture, entitled "Getting Famous, Then Watching Your Back" is especially timely in an age when celebrities and political figures face unprecedented media scrutiny. It is based on his most recent book, *Taking on The Trust: The Epic Battle of Ida Tarbell and John D. Rockefeller*.

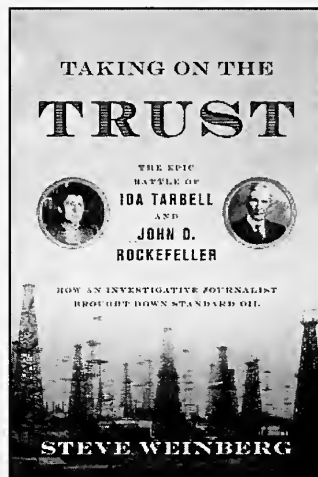
According to March, 2008, review in *The Wall Street Journal*, "...his deeply researched account is scrupulously evenhanded, fair to both the man who was by far the nation's richest tycoon and the woman who was its most famous reporter."

Steve Weinberg graduated from the Missouri School of Journalism in 1970, returning later for a master's degree. He began his writing career in newspapers, moved to magazines so he could write longer features, and then shifted to writing books.

Today, Weinberg supplements his book writing with freelance magazine features, newspaper op-ed pieces and book reviews.

His earlier books include *A Journalism of Humanity: A Candid History of the World's First Journalism School* (2008); *The Reporter's Handbook: An Investigator's Guide to Documents and Techniques* (1996); *Telling the Untold Story: How Investigative Reporters Are Changing the Craft of Biography* (1992); *Armand Hammer: The Untold Story* (1990); and *Trade Secrets of Washington Journalists: How to Get the Facts About What's Going On in Washington* (1981).

The Harvey Center, located in the Charles L. Suhr Library, was created in memory of Barbara Morgan Harvey by



her family, who wished to carry on her love of local history and desire to bring it to life for others. It was dedicated in October, 2005.

For more information, call 814-676-6591, ext. 1215.

Student gives her review of film "Into the Wild"

By: Elizabeth Austin

Everyone goes through phases and challenges in life. Many times we question our identity, personality, goals, and place in this world. We all have a story to tell. Some adventures are just more extreme than others...

"Into The Wild" is a film based on a true story. Christopher McCandless, a graduate of Emory College in Atlanta, takes off on a wild adventure through the wilderness.

Determined to leave his past behind, he ruins all forms of identification

and burns all of his money. He tells no close family or friends of his plan to ultimately survive on his own in the Alaskan wilderness.

The film is a true highlight of his travels across the country, hitchhiking and gathering supplies for Alaska along the way. He acquires basic survival skills, makes some unique friends, and works odd jobs on his incredible journey.

This movie is not so much the journey as it is the mentality behind such an unusual search for one's self.

Christopher seems to have it all:

wealthy family, college degree, intelligence, charisma, and good looks. Yet he has grown to despise the basic standards of society, along with money and religion. It's as though he has to prove to himself that he has the strength to live outside the confines of society. The beauty of Chris's story is that it challenges society's norms and expectations. He willingly abandons all that he knows in search for... himself.

Without ruining a thing, I will say that, in the end, he finds exactly what he was searching for.

State

Pennsylvania Lt. Governor Knoll dies at age 78

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Catherine Baker Knoll, who at age 72 became the first woman to be elected as Pennsylvania's lieutenant governor, died Wednesday after a four-month battle with cancer. She was 78.

Knoll died at National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, D.C., where she was recovering from a viral infection she contracted as a result of chemotherapy treatment for cancer, Gov. Ed Rendell said.

"Catherine was a wonderful person and that really made her a fine public servant, both as state treasurer and lieutenant governor," Rendell told The Associated Press. "She cared as deeply about people and the problems they faced as much as any public official who served the commonwealth."

Knoll was diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer in July 2008 and began radiation and chemotherapy treatments before publicly revealing her illness in August.

The Senate's presiding officer, she returned for the start of the fall Senate schedule in September, but showed signs of fatigue. On Sept. 22, she announced she would heed the advice of doctors, family members and colleagues and take time off, missing her first Senate session in six years.

Rendell said her death surprised her family, because she had shown progress on Wednesday, standing up

for the first time while rehabilitating from a severely weakened condition.

"She went down fighting, like she did all her career and all her life," Rendell said.

In a statement, her family said she loved working for the people of Pennsylvania and was proud of the friendships she had forged throughout the state.

"She fought this illness with the same tenacity she brought to a lifetime of public service," her son Albert Baker Knoll said.

A former schoolteacher and Democratic veteran, Knoll won two terms as state treasurer, in 1988 and 1992, while running unsuccessfully three other times. In 2002, she beat out eight other candidates in the Democratic primary for lieutenant governor, and went on to win the office as Rendell's running mate.

Rendell said Knoll's broad constituency and name recognition had helped him appeal to her home turf of western Pennsylvania. She was fond of saying her age had brought wisdom, and that she needed no on-the-job training.

"I happen to think that Pennsylvania is like a 10-speed bicycle," Knoll said on the day she was sworn in as the state's 45th lieutenant governor in 2003. "We have gears we haven't even tried yet."

As lieutenant governor, she held the gavel in the state Senate and chaired the state Board of Pardons, her primary tasks.

She was so committed to presiding over the Senate that, even cancer-stricken, she told Senate Minority Leader Robert J. Mellow, D-Lackawanna, in September that she felt badly about putting down the gavel, in case she was needed to cast a tie-breaking vote for the party.

Mellow described a determined woman who was passionate about being an elected official — she would go anywhere, any time to represent the state, he said — and serving the Catholic church.

"If there is a Heaven and Hell, then when she passed away she went straight to Heaven," Mellow said.

Under the state Constitution, Knoll will be replaced by the Senate President Pro Tempore, Joseph B. Scarnati III, R-Jefferson, who plans to retain his Senate seat.

In a statement, Scarnati said Knoll "embodied the type of character expected of true, effective public servants."

U.S. Sen. Bob Casey called her life "one of service and sacrifice, courage and commitment to the common good." Knoll is survived by three sons, Albert, Kim Eric, and Charles, and a daughter, Mina.

National

Study: Calif dirty air kills more than car crashes

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Lowering air pollution in Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley would save more lives annually than ending all motor vehicle fatalities in the two regions, according to a new study.

The study, which examined the costs of air pollution in two areas with the worst levels in the country, also

said meeting federal ozone and fine particulate standards could save \$28 billion annually in health care costs, school absences, missed work and lost income potential from premature deaths.

The price tag amounts to \$1,600 annually per person in the San Joaquin Valley and \$1,250 in the South Coast Air Basin.

Researchers at California State University-Fullerton sought to assess the potential economic benefits that could be achieved by reducing air pollution to levels within federal standards.

"For decades there has been a tug

World

21 killed in attack on US convoy in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber rammed his car into a U.S. military convoy as it was passing through a crowded market in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing at least 20 civilians and an American soldier, officials said.

The attack outside Jalalabad, the capital of the eastern Nangarhar province, also wounded 74 civilians, said Ajmal Pardes, a provincial health official.

Separately, an explosion in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday killed two NATO soldiers, the military alliance said in a statement, without disclosing the soldiers' nationalities.

The bomber struck the convoy near a crowded market in the Bati Kot district, where people were trading sheep, cows, goats and other animals, said Ghafoor Khan, the spokesman for the provincial police chief.

Lt. Cmdr. Walter Matthews, a

U.S. military spokesman, said at least 20 civilians and a U.S. soldier were killed.

The soldier's death brings the number of U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan to at least 148, the highest number of troop deaths per year since the U.S.-led invasion in 2001.

There were 111 U.S. military deaths in Afghanistan in the whole of 2007.

An Associated Press photographer said that an American military vehicle, two civilian vehicles and two rickshaws were destroyed in Thursday's blast.

Taliban militants regularly use suicide attackers and car bombs in their assaults against U.S., Afghan and other foreign troops in the country.

More than 5,400 people, of whom nearly 1,000 civilians, have died in insurgency-related violence this year, according to a tally compiled by the Associated Press based on figures provided by Afghan and international offi-

cials.

On Wednesday, a suicide bomber driving a tanker truck hauling oil detonated his explosives outside an Afghan government office during a provincial council meeting in the southern city of Kandahar, killing six people and wounded 42, officials said.

The blast in the Taliban's former stronghold came as the provincial council was hearing constituent complaints.

Two members of the provincial council were wounded in the attack, said Kandahar's Gov. Rahmatullah Raufi.

The explosion ripped through the council office, flattened five nearby homes and damaged the offices of the country's intelligence service.

It left a crater some 15 feet into the ground.

Raufi blamed Taliban militants for the attack.

NATIONAL: Calif HP recorded 2,521 deaths in 2006

Continued from page 4

of war over what to do about air pollution," said Jane Hall, lead author of the study at Cal State Fullerton. "We are paying now for not having done enough."

To illustrate its point, the study noted that the California Highway Patrol recorded 2,521 vehicular deaths in the San Joaquin Valley and South Coast Air Basin in 2006, compared to 3,812 deaths attributed to respiratory illness caused by particulate pollution.

Studies have indicated a relationship between ozone and particulate pollution and asthma and other respiratory problems, including chronic bronchitis. They also have connected particulate pollution with an increase in cardiovascular problems.

Hall and colleague Victor Brajer analyzed ozone and fine particulate concentrations across the two basins in 5-by-5 kilometer grids from 2005 through 2007. The researchers applied those numbers to the health affects they are known to cause, then assigned peer-reviewed economic values to each illness or death that could result.

"It may be tempting to think California can't afford to clean up, but in fact dirty air is like a \$28 billion lead balloon on our economy," Hall said.

The findings were released Wednesday as the California Air Resources Board considers controversial new regulations to reduce diesel truck emissions, a move that could cost 170,000 business owners \$5.5 billion. According to a board staff report, the savings in health care costs would be \$68 billion by 2020 if the regulations

were adopted next month.

The Cal State Fullerton study says that particulate pollution levels must fall by 50 percent in both regions for health and economic benefits to occur, something they acknowledged would be "very difficult to achieve."

If pollution levels were to improve to federal standards, the study says residents of the two air basins would suffer 3,860 fewer premature deaths, 3,780 fewer nonfatal heart attacks and would miss 470,000 fewer days of work annually. School children would miss more than 1.2 million fewer days of school, a savings of \$112 million in caregiver costs.

There also would be more than 2 million fewer cases of upper respiratory problems.

Take advantage of these part-time positions now

Two openings are available at the Venango County Regional Planning Commission. A Planning Intern and a GIS intern are needed.

The Planning Intern will perform specialized planning activities to provide assistance in the Planning Department regarding County-wide comprehensive plans and programs to improve the growth and quality of life in Venango County.

Essential functions of the job of a Planning Intern include: coordinates and implements a variety of specialized projects and duties such as background analysis for comprehensive planning projects, recycling and solid waste data analysis, Subdivision Administration activities, studies, and other projects depending on specific departmental needs; prepares reports and other documents for presentation and application; establishes and maintains statistical databases; presents to the public and others regarding specialized projects/programs; assists in conducting population, land use, research analysis and other planning studies necessary for development of comprehensive plans; and assists in programming for recycling and waste reduction activities including program expansions, special events, public education, grant applications and administration.

The GIS intern will perform GIS mapping and analysis tasks in support of county planning and resource management activities. Responsibilities include compiling and synthesizing

geographic data into ArcGIS database; developing attribute data for shape files; maintaining and updating GIS databases as new data are collected; preparing, modifying and updating site maps and brochures using ArcGIS software and other digital media; developing maps, charts, displays, presentations, graphics, brochures, and drawings; collecting data in the field using GPS equipment.

These are temporary intern positions with a flexible work schedule of up to 20 hours per week. The duration of these assignments is expected to be between six to twelve months. Compensation for this position is Pay Grade 1, Step 1 level of \$7.95 per hour. Benefits are not included.

Successful candidates will have a background in geography, planning, environmental studies, landscape architecture, or another related field; experience with ArcGIS software; and expertise in cartography and map production. This position requires attention to detail, excellent communication skills, the ability to work well both in team settings and independently, and the willingness to occasionally work in remote settings. Knowledge of GPS technology, ability to interpret topographic maps, and familiarity with plotters a plus.

Work is divided between the County Planning Commission office in a group environment and some field visits to map, photograph and collect resource and development data.

To apply, submit a resume to the attention of Judith Downs, Executive Director, PO Box 831, Franklin, Pa., 16323 by November 21. Applications/information may be obtained by calling 814-432-9551 or emailing a request to jdowns@co.venang.o.pa.us.

Kapp Alloy and Wire, Inc. has been a leading manufacturer of babbitt, solder and metallizing spraywire for the electronics and aerospace industries for over 50 years. They are a relatively small company, with eight employees. Utilizing their proprietary Precision Microcasting process, they create solder wire that leads the industry in consistent quality, from edge to edge and end to end. This consistent quality dramatically improves their customers' process efficiency and product quality, lowering their costs and substantially lowering defect rates - saving them real money. The secret to their success is "Perfect solder perfectly delivered."

Kapp Alloy and Wire, Inc.'s continued worldwide growth necessitates the hiring of an Administrative Assistant reporting to the company president.

Required talents, skills and abilities include: willingness, ability and desire to learn; self-initiative and the ability to work independently; excellent oral and written communication skills; very organized and detail oriented to manage

multiple projects; and expert level knowledge of Microsoft Office programs.

Starting salary is commensurate with education and experience, \$20K to \$24K. There is a 90-day probationary period, and benefits include flexible hours, healthcare, bonus pool and profit-sharing.

Interested candidates should fax or email a cover letter and resume directly to the president, Jack Crawford, at 814-676-5565 or jack@kappalloy.com.

If you desire to both live and work in the area, then don't miss out on this unique opportunity. Candidates should apply as soon as possible due to their immediate need.

A Customer Service - Clerical Administrative Support person is needed immediately. If you are planning to graduate soon or have already graduated, French Creek Production would like to hear from you.

The company is looking for a full-time employee but will consider part-time for students who are planning on graduating this December.

The potential candidate will possess excellent customer service skills, as well as computer skills - Microsoft Office Suite experience with a thorough understanding of

See JOBS on page 7

Lott presented at NCHC Conference in October

Clarion University's Honors Program faculty and students presented seminars and papers at the 43rd Annual Conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) held in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22-26.

Honors Faculty members Dr. Ralph Leary, professor of English, and Barry McCaulliff, assistant professor of mass media arts, journalism, and communication studies, presented a seminar, "Honors Bootcamp: Providing a First Year Challenge Through a Team Taught Writing and Speech Course."

This seminar described the curricular model for "Modes of Discourse," the foundational course for Clarion's Honors Program. Also participating in this presentation were graduate assistant and Honors alumni Joe Fiedor and Bridgett O'Donnell, a sophomore Honors Program student.

O'Donnell, a sophomore Spanish and anthropology major, is a daughter of Lawrence and Anne O'Donnell of Jim Thorpe and is a graduate of Jim Thorpe High School.

Honors Program students Bryce Davis, Kenny Bonus, Clay Nolan, all officers in the Student Honors Association, presented a seminar, "Successful

Student Engagement in an Honors Community." The presentation provided information regarding the development of student governance and strategies for building honors student organizations.

Davis, a sophomore marketing major, is a son of Bryce and Sherry Davis Jr. of Palmyra and is a graduate of Palmyra High School.

Bonus, a sophomore business management major, is a son of Edward and Elaine Bonus of Butler and is a graduate of Butler High School.

Nolan, a junior elementary education major, is a son of Brian and Janet Nolan of Shinglehouse and is a graduate of Oswayo Valley High School.

Dr. Brent Register, assistant Honors Program director, was a member of a panel presentation, "International Education Forum: Best Practices." The presentation was based on the 2005 Summer Honors Program in Paris hosted by Clarion University.

Dr. David Lott, assistant professor of biology and Honors Program faculty, presented "Articulation Agreements: The Best of Both Worlds." The presentation was based on new developments with the Venango Honors Program,

successfully established in 2007.

Dr. Hallie Savage, director of the Clarion University Honors Program and President of the NCHC delivered the presidential address, "Stability in the Context of Change." Savage, the Honors administration, faculty, staff, and students hosted the 2007 National Collegiate Honors Council's annual meeting in Denver.

Lynn Hepfl, Honors Program coordinator, was appointed to the NCHC Finance Committee and will serve a three-year term of office. In addition to her committee deliberations, she attended the conference proceedings.

The Honors Program is an academic opportunity for students whose intellectual and creative interests and abilities are beyond conventional university offerings. The program gives students the opportunity to enrich their education through specially designed courses and extracurricular involvement. Admission is based on: academic performance, a written statement, SAT scores of 1150 or higher, graduating in the top 15 percent of the high school class, and recommendations.

JOBS: Pay starts at \$9/hr at French Creek Prod.

Continued from page 6

Excel and Outlook.

A typical day would include: answering and routing incoming calls from potential customers, vendors, salespeople and general public; being able to proficiently multi-task would be an asset; entering sales orders into the Microsoft software program - "Great-Plains," as well as Excel spreadsheets; handling daily computerized accounting (AR/AP) as well as numeric keypad entry; while you are working, you will be establishing rapport with various customers; you will

also learn and apply product knowledge about FCP's diverse product line; and typing, filing, mailing and sorting incoming mail are also essential job duties.

Pay starts at \$9.00 per hour depending on skill set. The selected candidate will work Monday through Friday, no weekends. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - evenings are free, and an unpaid hour for lunch. Seven paid holidays plus one floating holiday per calendar year will be given, and one week paid vacation is available after the first year.

Attire is business casual, and 401K benefits are coming in January 2009.

Medical benefits will begin soon as well.

Interested applicants need to submit an updated resume to: Brook Siar/ Human Resource Director, French Creek Production, at bsiar@velocity.net, or via fax: 814-437-2544.

Visit www.frenchcreekproductions.com to learn more about this organization.

...

For more information about these openings or for resume preparation, contact Coordinator of Career Service Mark Conrad at 676-6591, extension 1373, or at mconrad@clarion.edu.

Updates include calendar sale, holiday hours, film

Please note that Venango Campus no longer has mail service on Saturdays. The USPS removed our outside pick-up box during the last week in October. All mail that is brought to the Administrative Office after the mail delivery on Friday will be picked up the following Monday. If you have any time-sensitive mail it can still be posted for Friday, but it will be the responsibility of that department to deliver it to the post office.

With less than seven weeks before the beginning of the new year, we still have a good supply of 2009 Hometown Heroes Calendars for purchase. The calendar features photographs of some of our local veterans and active military. Many of those pictured will be spending a second Christmas away from home while serving a 15-month tour of duty.

If you would like to purchase a calendar, please contact Penny Shaughnessy at pshaughnessy@clarion.edu or at extension 1206. The calendars are \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go to providing care packages for our military

serving abroad.

The next scheduled meeting of the Venango Forum is Friday, November 21. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., in Montgomery Hall, Room 404. Mr. Joseph Croskey from the Clarion University Academic Enrichment Department will be the guest speaker. Please plan to attend.

"I'm Not There", a movie based on seven different interpretations of music legend Bob Dylan, will be shown at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 22, in the Rhoades Auditorium. The R-rated film will present various stages of Dylan's life including a variety of takes on him as a race and sex. It is presented as part of the Clarion University-Venango Campus Independent Film Series and is free and open to the public.

Faculty, staff and students are reminded that the Friday class schedule will be followed on Tuesday, November 25. Venango offices and departments will also be observing Friday hours of operation on the November 25

(see below).

Observance of the Thanksgiving holiday for students will begin at 10:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 25 and will conclude with the start up of classes at 8:00 a.m., Monday, December 1.

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours: On Tuesday, November 25, the Venango Administrative Office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Suhr Library, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; School of Nursing and Allied Health, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Venango Bookstore, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Wednesday, November 26, the Venango Administrative Office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Suhr Library, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; School of Nursing and Allied Health, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and the Venango Bookstore will be closed.

Please send your news to Cindy Busch at cbusch@clarion.edu, Penny Shaughnessy at pshaughnessy@clarion.edu, or Jerri Gent at jgent@clarion.edu.

THANK YOU! recognized employees in October

Three Clarion University-Venango Campus employees were recently recognized by the THANK YOU! Employee recognition program for the month of October.

The following individuals have

been thanked for "going above and beyond."

Gina Knox, Student Affairs, Dr. David Lott, Biology Department, and Lola Deets Smith, Biology Department, have been recognized by THANK

YOU!

Dr. David Lott was the recipient of the free lunch at CrossRhoades Café.

Congratulations to these exceptional employees!



GOT AN IDEA??

We'd like to hear it!

Send your suggestions and ideas to:

voice@clarion.edu



Get help with anxiety and fear from Marla Harp

By Marla Harp
Venango Campus Counselor

What is anxiety? Fear and anxiety are not the same thing. Fear refers to perceiving that you are in danger. Anxiety is your response to fear – apprehension, heightened vigilance, hyperventilating, dilated pupils, sweating, a racing pulse and possibly running fast. This is a primitive response known as the fight or flight response when we are in danger.

However, we often inappropriately activate the survival response of anxiety and we have allowed ourselves to perceive safe situations as dangerous. We have predicted that non-harmful

things happening today will have harmful future consequences. Our minds create the danger, and we respond with the survival reaction, anxiety, as if we are in real danger.

Anxiety is an inevitable part of life. It's important to realize that there are many situations that come up in everyday life in which it is appropriate and reasonable to react with some anxiety. However, anxiety disorders are distinguished from everyday, normal anxiety in that they involve anxiety that 1) is more intense (for example, panic attacks), 2) lasts longer (anxiety that may persist for months instead of going away after a stressful situation has passed), or 3) leads to phobias that in-

terfere with your life. (Don't forget about that dreaded test anxiety).

There are simple yet helpful tips that can assist one to overcome the effects of anxiety or panic. For instance, learning to relax and implementing deep breathing techniques can alleviate symptoms of anxiety/panic at times most needed. If you or anyone you know suffers from anxiety or panic attacks, encourage them to seek assistance.

My office is available on Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please feel free to stop by and make an appointment, call ext. 1281, or email me at mharp@clarion.edu.

PTK pies, desserts to be distributed November 20

Pies and desserts purchased from Phi Theta Kappa members will be distributed Thursday, November 20, at the

second floor lobby of Montgomery Hall, at 11 a.m.

For more information about pie

sales or distribution, contact PTK Chapter President Patti Shontz at s_pashontz@clarion.edu.



NOW YA KNOW!

Q. What are the three most widely spoken languages in the world: Those with the largest number of speakers?



A. Mandarin Chinese 900K,
English 463K, and Hindustani
400K

... followed by Spanish 371K, Russian 290K, and Arabic 215K, according to "The Top 10 of Everything 1997."



EVENTS: Harvey Center Lecture slated Nov. 20

Continued from page 1

networking lunch will be held by the Venango Campus Alumni Chapter on Wednesday, November 19, from noon to 1:30 p.m., at Rhoades Center.

...

The Annual Harvey Center Lecture will take place on Thursday, November 20, at 7 p.m.

Steve Weinburg, nationally known author of *Taking on the Trust*, an account of the defeat of John D. Rockefeller at the hands of "muckraking" journalist Ida Tarbell, which led to the breakup of Standard Oil, will speak.

...

Career Services will sponsor the Transitions Bus Tour on Friday, November 21.

The trip is for those students who plan to transition from Venango Campus to Clarion University's main campus.

The bus will leave the upper parking lot of Venango Campus at approximately 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The free trip will provide students a Q&A session with Clarion University admissions representative Bill Bailey, a tour of main campus, and a free lunch.

The response rate will depend on the size of the bus reserved, so students must RSVP by Friday, October 31, to Mark Conrad, Coordinator of

Career Services, at 676-6591, ext. 1373, or at mconrad@clarion.edu. In addition, sign up sheets are available now at the Learning Support Center, at the Student Affairs office, and at the Career Services Center in Montgomery Hall.

For more information, contact Mark Conrad at the above locations.

...

"I'm Not There" will be shown on Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

...

Thanksgiving holiday begins Tuesday, November 25, at 10 p.m. Friday classes meet in place of Tuesday classes on this day.

...

Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27.

...

December

Thanksgiving break ends at 8 a.m. Monday, December 1.

...

Student Senate will sponsor Celebrate the Seasons Wednesday, December 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Rhoades Center.

The event will recognize various religious and cultural traditions celebrated during the winter season.

...

"The Darjeeling Limited" will be the final film shown in the Independent Film Series Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

For more information, contact Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu.

...

Classes for the fall 2008 semester end Friday, December 5. The Final Exam Period begins Monday, December 8, and ends Friday, December 12.

Winter Commencement will take place Saturday, December 13, in Clarion.

...

Miscellaneous

Yoga sessions will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins.

With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions are free.

...

Cardio-kickboxing sessions will be held every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at the Franklin School of Kung Fu, 845 Buffalo St., Franklin. The sessions are free.

...

Joann Wheeler will display her art at Rhoades Center through December.

Her three-dimensional collages and boxes have been exhibited and sold in juried group shows in several galleries.

...

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 13

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008

LSC has tips for stressful finals week

By Tammy Beach

OK, it's time to face the music. The semester is quickly coming to a close. Finals are right around the corner. It's finally hitting home that time is getting short and projects are beginning to close in. Time to really hit the books. Panic sets in. The echo of rapid heartbeats in the classrooms begins to pound through the halls.

The time has come to buckle down and get serious. Playtime has come to an abrupt stop, as it's finally time to open up books for the first time this semester.

Does this sound familiar? Don't worry. There are many students out there in the same boat. Time seems to escape one and all as the semester comes to an end.

So what can one do to help get through this time of sheer panic? Students are bombarded with stress and pressure throughout the last few weeks of the semester. Time management is key for anyone looking to make it through the finals week. By learning to keep a good balance between homework and a little rest and relaxation, survival is possible.

The Learning Support Center offers tips for good study habits.

We do, however, stress the importance of using the whole semester as a review for the final.

Stress and anxiety should not be a problem for most students who have been preparing for their final throughout the entire semester. But let's face it, not everyone has been preparing over the past several months for these last few weeks. Here are some tips:

1. Time management and scheduling are important during this time crunch. Use a planner. It's a good idea to write down the finals schedule on a calendar along with the times you will study.

2. Do not confuse reviewing with cramming.

3. Get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast. Get at least seven hours of sleep.

4. Remember that it is OK and natural to feel some concern and anxiety over tests. This will help you focus on the task that lies ahead. What happens if test anxiety sets in? Relax a little. Make sure you sit back and take a deep



breath. Other ways to alleviate test anxiety are getting sufficient rest prior to the test, developing a positive attitude and taking practice tests or answering review questions.

5. To help prepare for the test, make sure you have an attitude of confidence as you go into the test. Visualization is a good strategy before the testing date.

6. Arrive at the classroom about five minutes prior to the testing time. Be sure not to arrive too early because this could cause test anxiety.

7. When beginning the test, be sure to look over the entire test. If doing an essay, try to make an outline.

See **FINALS** on page 8

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

LSC TIPS	1
TRASH TALK	2
JOB OPENINGS	3
STATE NEWS	4
NATIONAL NEWS	4
WORLD NEWS	5
FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE	6
GIVE THANKS	7
LIBRARY HOURS	7
MARIA HARP	8
MADRIGAL SINGERS	8
LSC SCHEDULE	9
EVENTS	10

Be mindful of the environment this holiday season



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

'Tis the season... for lots of extra garbage! Throughout the holidays, we generate a lot of waste. Between all the parties, shopping, and gifts, we generate tons of waste.

This week, I'm passing on to you lots of tips from the Environmental Protection Agency that can help you enjoy the holidays while minimizing the environmental impact.

- This is an excellent time

of year to conduct neighborhood clothing drives to help those in need.

- If you host dinners this year, use cloth napkins, and forgo the disposable tableware.
- After the feast, send leftovers home with your guests in recyclable or reusable containers and fill the dishwasher to capacity before running.
- If you are going away for the holidays, turn down your thermostat and put your lights on timers.
- If, like me, you go through your kids' toys and clothes and weed out the unused before they get spoiled by the grandparents again, donate those items to the Salvation Army or one of the local shelters.
- When you go holiday shopping this year, take reusable shopping bags

instead of using the plastic ones at the store. And, don't take bags for the oversized purchases that don't fit in them.

- Wrap gifts in recycled or reused wrapping paper or reusable gift bags. Give gifts that don't require much packaging like gift certificates. Another idea is to 'wrap' gifts in cloth napkins or festive tea towels.
- Send recycled-content cards or e-cards this Christmas. Recycle the cards you receive, or let your kids reuse them by making a holiday collage with the pictures on the fronts, or let them use them to create decorations for next year.
- Put your Christmas lights on timers to save energy and help them last longer.
- If you have to have a

live tree, look for ways to recycle it instead of sending it to a landfill. Check with the local community solid waste department and find out if they collect and mulch them.

- Better yet, buy a potted tree this year and plant it after the holidays.
- Consider the durability of a product before you buy it as a gift. If it's made cheaply, it will wear out quickly.
- **BUY LOCAL!** There are plenty of shops where you can buy from local crafters in this area. Or you may want to venture to Volant, just past the outlet mall, where you can buy handcrafted items from the many shops in town. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Reference materials for this article were found at: www.epa.gov.

E-mail the Venango Voice with your ideas at voice@clarion.edu!

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University – Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnists
Lori Secor Marla Harp Lola Deets

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Mondays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Positions are still available for qualified candidates

A local manufacturer has an immediate opening for a clerical position. Using Vista and accounting production software, the candidate's responsibilities will include working with customers to expedite customer orders, AP, account reconciliation, and filing. Microsoft Excel, Word and experience in an automated accounting/production environment are necessary. Prior experience with Vista and Access is preferred. A degree in business will be considered a plus. Also, mandatory are strong work ethics, ability to work well with customers and strong multitasking skills. Competitive compensation based on experience level is offered along with a health insurance package, 401k and profit sharing program.

Send resume with cover letter detailing salary requirement to: Time Machine, Inc., 1746 Pittsburgh Road, Polk, PA, 16342. No phone calls please.

...

A security officer is needed in Oil City. The part time position is Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, plus fill in work as needed for high traffic industrial site. Security experience is preferred; excellent customer service skills, clear criminal background, and reliable transportation are a must. Steel toes required. Pay rate is \$7.50 hr.

Interested persons may complete an Am-Gard employment application at the Oil City Careerlink.

...

Two openings are available at the Venango County Regional Planning Commission. A Planning Intern and a GIS intern are needed.

The Planning Intern will perform specialized planning activities to provide assistance in the Planning Department regarding county-wide comprehensive plans and programs to improve the growth and quality of life in Venango County.

Essential functions of the job of a Planning Intern include: coordinates and implements a variety of specialized projects and duties such as background

analysis for comprehensive planning projects, recycling and solid waste data analysis. Subdivision Administration activities, studies, and other projects depending on specific departmental needs; prepares reports and other documents for presentation and application; establishes and maintains statistical databases; presents to the public and others regarding specialized projects/programs; assists in conducting population, land use, research analysis and other planning studies necessary for development of comprehensive plans; and assists in programming for recycling and waste reduction activities including program expansions, special events, public education, grant applications and administration.

The GIS intern will perform GIS mapping and analysis tasks in support of county planning and resource management activities. Responsibilities include compiling and synthesizing geographic data into ArcGIS database; developing attribute data for shape files; maintaining and updating GIS databases as new data are collected; preparing, modifying and updating site maps and brochures using ArcGIS software and other digital media; developing maps, charts, displays, presentations, graphics, brochures, and drawings; collecting data in the field using GPS equipment.

These are temporary intern positions with a flexible work schedule of up to 20 hours per week. The duration of these assignments is expected to be between six to twelve months. Compensation for this position is Pay Grade 1, Step 1 level of \$7.95 per hour. Benefits are not included.

Successful candidates will have a background in geography, planning, environmental studies, landscape architecture, or another related field; experience with ArcGIS software; and expertise in cartography and map production. This position requires attention to detail, excellent communication skills, the ability to work well both in team

settings and independently, and the willingness to occasionally work in remote settings. Knowledge of GPS technology, ability to interpret topographic maps, and familiarity with plotters a plus.

To apply, submit a resume to the attention of Judith Downs, Executive Director, PO Box 831, Franklin, PA, 16323 by November 21. Applications/information may be obtained by calling 814-432-9551 or emailing a request to jdowns@co.venango.pa.us.

...

Kapp Alloy and Wire, Inc. has been a leading manufacturer of bab-bitt, solder and metallizing spraywire for the electronics and aerospace industries for over 50 years. They are a relatively small company, with eight employees. The secret to their success is "Perfect solder perfectly delivered."

Kapp Alloy and Wire, Inc.'s continued worldwide growth necessitates the hiring of an Administrative Assistant reporting to the company president.

Required talents, skills and abilities include: willingness, ability and desire to learn; self-initiative and the ability to work independently; excellent oral and written communication skills; very organized and detail oriented to manage multiple projects; and expert level knowledge of Microsoft Office programs.

Starting salary is commensurate with education and experience, \$20K to \$24K. There is a 90-day probationary period, and benefits include flexible hours, healthcare, bonus pool and profit-sharing.

Interested candidates should fax or email a cover letter and resume directly to the president, Jack Crawford, at 814-676-5565 or jack@kappalloy.com.

For more information or resume preparation assistance, contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at mconrad@clarion.edu.

State

Ex-Penn professor to be sentenced in wife slaying

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A longtime Ivy League professor is set for sentencing Wednesday in the December 2006 slaying of his wife.

Rafael Robb admits he "just lost it" during an argument and fatally beat his wife Ellen with a metal chin-up bar as she wrapped holiday presents.

The 58-year-old Robb, once a tenured economics professor at the University of Pennsylvania, faces a likely prison sentence of 4 1/2 to seven years.

He and his 49-year-old wife were ending their 16-year marriage.

Their only child, then 12, was at

school when her mother was slain at the family's Upper Merion Township home.

Robb, a native of Israel, is an expert in game theory.

He is set for sentencing on Wednesday afternoon in Montgomery County.

National

Schwarzenegger opens climate summit with Obama

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger opened his international climate change summit on Tuesday by upstaging himself with an even bigger political star — President-elect Barack Obama.

Schwarzenegger, a Republican whose efforts to combat global warming in California have generated worldwide acclaim, wants to show that governments can balance environmental protection and economic growth. He hopes his summit will influence negotiations over a new climate treaty during a U.N. gathering in Poland next month.

In a taped message to attendees, Obama said his administration is committed to a cause that has all but languished at the federal level during the term of President George W. Bush.

"Once I take office, you can be sure that the United States will once again engage vigorously in these negotiations and help lead the world toward a new era of global cooperation on climate change," Obama said.

U.N. negotiators have a December 2009 deadline to complete the next global warming treaty, which would succeed the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. That treaty, which expires in 2012, does not include the U.S. or China — the world's largest emitters.

Negotiators want to cut in half the amount of carbon dioxide discharged into the atmosphere from transportation, industry and power generation by mid-century.

In his roughly four-minute address to Schwarzenegger's conference, Obama said the U.S. economy would continue to weaken if climate change and dependence on foreign oil are not addressed.

He reiterated his support for cutting greenhouse gas emissions using a cap-and-trade system, an approach also favored by Schwarzenegger. Obama said he would establish annual targets to reduce emissions to their 1990 levels by 2020 and reduce them another 80 percent by 2050.

Obama also promoted anew his proposal to invest \$15 billion each year to support private-sector efforts toward clean energy. He said tackling climate change can create millions of new jobs as the U.S. invests in technologies to promote solar and wind power, biofuels and cleaner coal-fired plants.

"I promise you this: When I am president, any governor who's willing to promote clean energy will have a partner in the White House," Obama told the participants. "Any company that's willing to invest in clean energy will have an ally in Washington. And any nation that's willing to join the cause of com-

bating climate change will have an ally in the United States of America."

Scientists say the kind of ambitious goals set by Schwarzenegger and Obama must be reached to minimize the consequences of rising global temperatures.

The U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has said temperatures worldwide could increase between 4 degrees and 11 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100 unless nations reduce their emissions.

Just how countries will cut emissions remains a topic of intense debate, especially as the world grapples with the worsening financial crisis. U.S. and foreign businesses, as well as some European countries, have questioned whether cutting emissions will be too costly.

Schwarzenegger said states, provinces and countries can cut emissions by forming partnerships, as he has done as governor.

"I still have friends in the business world that come to me and say that this is going to hurt the economy," Schwarzenegger said in his opening remarks. "But of course, we believe very strongly it is going to help the economy."

Schwarzenegger has signed part-

See NATIONAL on page 5

*World***Al-Qaida No. 2 insults Obama with racial epithet**

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)

Al-Qaida's No. 2 leader used a racial epithet to insult Barack Obama in a message posted Wednesday, describing the president-elect in demeaning terms that imply he does the bidding of whites.

The message appeared chiefly aimed at persuading Muslims and Arabs that Obama does not represent a change in U.S. policies.

Ayman al-Zawahri said in the message, which appeared on militant Web sites, that Obama is "the direct opposite of honorable black Americans" like Malcolm X, the 1960s African-American rights leader.

In al-Qaida's first response to Obama's victory, al-Zawahri also called the president-elect — along with secretaries of state Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice — "house negroes."

Speaking in Arabic, al-Zawahri uses the term "abeed al-beit," which literally translates as "house slaves."

But al-Qaida supplied English subtitles of his speech that included the translation as "house negroes."

The message also includes old

footage of speeches by Malcolm X in which he explains the term, saying black slaves who worked in their white masters' house were more servile than those who worked in the fields.

Malcolm X used the term to criticize black leaders he accused of not standing up to whites.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the latest message was just "more despicable comments from a terrorist."

The 11-minute 23-second video features the audio message by al-Zawahri, who appears only in a still image, along with other images, including one of Obama wearing a Jewish skullcap as he meets with Jewish leaders.

In his speech, al-Zawahri refers to a Nov. 5 U.S. airstrike attack in Afghanistan, meaning the video was made after that date.

Al-Zawahri said Obama's election has not changed American policies he said are aimed at oppressing Muslims and others.

"America has put on a new face, but its heart full of hate, mind drowning in greed, and spirit which spreads evil, murder, repression and despotism con-

tinue to be the same as always," the deputy of al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden said.

He said Obama's plan to shift troops to Afghanistan is doomed to failure, because Afghans will resist.

"Be aware that the dogs of Afghanistan have found the flesh of your soldiers to be delicious, so send thousands after thousands to them," he said.

Al-Zawahri did not threaten specific attacks, but warned Obama that he was "facing a Jihadi (holy war) awakening and renaissance which is shaking the pillars of the entire Islamic world; and this is the fact which you and your government and country refuse to recognize and pretend not to see."

He said Obama's victory showed Americans acknowledged that President George W. Bush's policies were a failure and that the result was an "admission of defeat in Iraq."

But Obama's professions of support for Israel during the election campaign "confirmed to the Ummah (Islamic world) that you have chosen a stance of hostility to Islam and Muslims," al-Zawahri said.

NATIONAL: Governor addressed many attendees

Continued from page 4

nerships with governors of seven Western states and four Canadian provinces to develop regional cap-and-trade systems. He also has an agreement with the state of New York to explore linking California's future carbon market with a trading system in the Northeast.

The governor also has signed agreements with the United Kingdom and Australia's premier in Victoria to combat climate change. And Schwarzenegger along with governors from

Illinois and Wisconsin signed agreements Tuesday night with government representatives from Brazil and Indonesia to combat tropical deforestation.

Whether countries such as China will sign off on emission mandates remains a point of contention in international negotiations.

China has argued that the U.S. and other industrialized countries should take the lead on cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

The nation's top climate bureaucrat reiterated that sentiment Tuesday in a meeting with reporters.

"Even now, per capita emissions in the U.S. are still five times higher than in China," said Gao Guangsheng, director general of the Department of Climate Change at China's National Development Reform Commission.

He said China's success in reducing emissions in the future will depend on whether the U.S. and other countries share technology and invest in his country.

Schwarzenegger addressed attendees from 19 other countries and 17 states.

CUP Main

Fall semester 2008 finals slated December 8-12

All final examinations will be administered throughout the week of December 8 - 12 according to the schedule outlined below. Exams will not be given at times other than those specified on the final exam schedule. Students should report to the same classroom used throughout the fall semester unless indicated otherwise. Students with three or more tests on the same day may reschedule tests by consulting with the appropriate instructors or the college dean. If a mutually convenient time cannot be agreed upon, Friday, December 12, should be used as the alternate test date. Courses that begin after the starting times listed on the exam schedule should adhere to the test schedule for that hour, i.e., BSAD 240-04 meets MW 12:30 - 1:45PM, therefore, the final exam will be Monday, December 8, 12:00 - 1:50PM.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Test Time: **8AM - 9:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **8AM**.

Test Time: **10AM - 11:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **9AM**.

Test Time: **12 Noon - 1:50PM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **12 Noon**.

Test Time: **2PM - 3:50PM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at **1PM**.

Test Time: **4PM - 5:50PM**

ELED 327-01 Ins Str & Mgmt El & Ech L. Brown Peirce Auditorium

ELED 327-02 Ins Str & Mgmt El & Ech L. Brown Peirce Auditorium

ELED 327-03 Ins Str & Mgmt El & Ech L. Brown Peirce Auditorium

ELED 330-01 Lang Arts in Elem Sch D. Ellermeyer 112 Still (Aud)

ELED 330-02 Lang Arts in Elem Sch D. Ellermeyer 112 Still (Aud)

ELED 330-03 Lang Arts in Elem Sch D. Ellermeyer 112 Still (Aud)

COURSES THAT MEET AT 4PM OR LATER AND HAVE THE FIRST CLASS MEETING OF THE WEEK ON MONDAY EVENINGS WILL TEST AT THE REGULAR MONDAY MEETING TIMES ON DECEMBER 8.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Test Time: **8AM - 9:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at **8AM**.

Test Time: **10AM - 11:50AM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at **9:30AM**.

Test Time: **12 Noon - 1:50PM** for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at **2PM**.

Test Time: **2PM - 3:50PM**

ACTG 251-01 Financial Accounting R. Otte 112 Still (Aud)

ACTG 251-02 Financial Accounting R. Otte 112 Still (Aud)

ACTG 251-03 Financial Accounting R. Otte 112 Still (Aud)

MMAJ 101-01 Mass Media & Society J. Washington Chapel Auditorium

MMAJ 101-02 Mass Media & Society J. Washington Chapel Auditorium

MMAJ 101-03 Mass Media & Society J. Washington Chapel Auditorium

MMAJ 270-01 Temporal Media R. Nulph 124 Becker

MMAJ 270-02 Temporal Media R. Nulph 124 Becker

PHSC 112-03 Bas Phys Sci Phys & Astr L. Gourley Peirce Auditorium

PHSC 112-04 Bas Phys Sci Phys & Astr L. Gourley Peirce Auditorium

PHSC 112-05 Bas Phys Sci Phys & Astr L. Gourley Peirce Auditorium

Test Time: **4PM - 5:50PM**

ELED 324-01 Tch Elem & Mid Sch Math V. Harry 112 Still (Aud)

ELED 324-02 Tch Elem & Mid Sch Math V. Harry 112 Still (Aud)

ELED 324-03 Tch Elem & Mid Sch Math V. Harry 112 Still (Aud)

MATH 111-03 Math Conc Grades K-8 R. Carbone Peirce Auditorium

MATH 111-04 Math Conc Grades K-8 R. Carbone Peirce Auditorium

MATH 211-03 Fund Topics in K-8 Math R. Carbone Peirce Auditorium

COURSES THAT MEET AT 4PM OR LATER AND HAVE THE FIRST CLASS MEETING OF THE WEEK ON TUESDAY EVENINGS WILL TEST AT THE REGULAR MONDAY MEETING TIMES ON DECEMBER 9.

..... See SCHEDULE on page 7

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE (Nov 20, 2008)

All final examinations will be administered throughout the week of December 8, according to the schedule outlined below. Exams will not be given at times other than those specified on the final exam schedule. Students should report to the classroom listed. **ITV classes will be scheduled individually. Confirm with the faculty for test times and locations.**

Students with three or more tests on the same day may reschedule tests by consulting with the appropriate instructors or the college dean. If a mutually convenient time cannot be agreed upon, Friday, December 12, should be used as the alternate test. **NOTE - watch for future updates or changes. Confirm this information with your faculty.**

SATURDAY - December 6

9:00 a.m.	Eng 111: 55	Knepper	307
MH			
11:00a.m	PS 210: 51	Rourke	101
MH			

MONDAY, December 8**8:00 a.m.**

Psy 211: 51	404 MH	For den
-------------	--------	---------

9:00 a.m.

Nurs 201	101 MH	Moore
Math 050: 51	307 MH	Jackson
Nurs 101	R-Aud	Seybold

11:00 a.m.

HPE 111	101 MH	Brennan-
Caplin		
Eng 111: 51	404 MH	Huber
CMST 113: 51	112 F	Kerle
CMST 113: 54	112 F	Kerle

Monday - continued**1:00 p.m.**

Math 112: 51	307 MH	Jackson
--------------	--------	---------

6:00

Nurs 101: 55	ITV	Seybold
ANTH 211	108 F	Prezzano

2:00p.m.

SPED 245	116 F	Wynkoop
PSY 211: 52	404 MH	For den
CIS 217: 51	311 MH	Hunter
ENG 307	403 MH	Huber
PHSC 112	108 F	Gourley

7:00

CRJT 245	208 F	Klenowski
SOC 211	101 MH	Hunchuk

5:00

CRJT 110	208 F	Klenowski
ECON 221	403 MH	Duespohl
CMST 113: 53	112 F	Kerle

TUESDAY, December 9**9:00**

Math 131	307MH	Jackson
Chem 153	108F	Stevens

11:00

CRJT 265	112 F	Kerle
----------	-------	-------

01:00

Eng 111: 52	403 MH	Foster
Math 110	307 MH	Jackson

03:00

SPED 128	112 F	Gaginni
Hist 112	307 MH	Clark
Biol 111	101 MH	Deets
CIS 217: 52	311 MH	Hunter
ES 111	208 F	Occhipinti

05:00

Math 112: 52	307 MH	LaVan
CIS 217: 53	311 MH	Hunter
ENG 265	403 MH	Foster

Wednesday, December 10**09:00**

MGMT 120	307 MH	Duespohl
----------	--------	----------

02:00

REHB 227	307 MH	Kilwein
Econ 175	403 Mh	Duespohl
ACTG 251	ITV	Danvers

3:00

PHSC 111	108 F	Stevens
PSY 355	404 MH	Forden
CMST 113:52	112 F	Kerle

05:00

CIS 217: 54	311MH	Armberger
Eng 226	404 MH	Huber

07:00

CRJT 275	208 F	Klenowski
ART 110	101 MH	Turri

THURSDAY December 11**8:00**

PS 211	112 F	Coulter
--------	-------	---------

09:00**10:00**

Nurs 131: 51, 52	R-Aud	Nursing
------------------	-------	---------

12:00

Eng 111: 53	404 MH	Foster
-------------	--------	--------

2:00

Nurs 131: 53	403 MH	Nursing
--------------	--------	---------

05:00p.m.

ED 110	108 F	Carrico
REHB 126	116F	Wynkoop
PSY 211: 53	112 F	Hollis
ENG 111: 54	101 MH	Foster
Math 112: 53	307 MH	LaVan
Math 050: 52	403 MH	McKain
HON 129	304 MH	Foster (final assignment due)

6:30 p.m.

PHIL 211	208 F	Bowser
PSY 111	404 MH	Forden
Psy 211: 53	112 F	Hollis

FRIDAY December 12**9:00**

Mus 111	101 MH	Teske
---------	--------	-------

11:00

Biol 258: 51	101 MH	Lott
--------------	--------	------

12:00

Psy 211: 54	307 MH	Potter
-------------	--------	--------

Remember to give much thanks this Thanksgiving

By Rebekah Eakin

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I would like to encourage everyone to simply remember the reason for celebrating this season. We all are always so busy between family, school and work that we often don't find the time to appreciate all that we have and give thanks for the joys we've been granted.

In this area there are thousands of low-income families who will not be

able to afford the staples of a Thanksgiving meal for their families. So, I encourage you to get involved and help those in need.

It could often be as simple as inviting someone you know that will be spending this Thanksgiving alone to join you on the holiday for a meal and comradeship.

Several efforts are also made locally to help any of those in need, such as The Friends for Food Campaign, which served over 13,000 families in

Venango County alone by supplying turkey and other side dishes last year.

As we all know, there are also over 162,000 American soldiers currently serving in the war who will be unable to spend this and many other holidays home with their families. May we never stop supporting all of those brave individuals that support our country every day.

Again, I ask you to please remember to give thanks for all of your blessings, great and small.

Suhr Library Holiday and End-of-the-Semester Hours

November 25... 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

November 26... 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

November 27-30... CLOSED

December 13-22... 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Closed weekends

December 23-January 1... CLOSED

January 2-11... 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Closed weekends

Regular hours at Suhr Library resume on January 12, 2009.

SCHEDULE: Dec.12 to be used for make-up exams

Continued from page 6

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Test Time: 8AM - 9:50AM for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 10AM.

Test Time: 10AM - 11:50AM for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 11AM.

Test Time: 12 Noon - 1:50PM for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 2PM.

Test Time: 2PM - 3:50PM for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 3PM.

Test Time: 4PM - 5:50PM

ED 110-01 Intro to Education P. Kolencik Chapel Auditorium

ED 110-02 Intro to Education P. Kolencik Chapel Auditorium

ED 110-03 Intro to Education P. Kolencik Chapel Auditorium

COURSES THAT MEET AT 4PM OR LATER AND HAVE THE FIRST CLASS MEETING OF THE WEEK ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS WILL TEST AT THE REGULAR WEDNESDAY MEETING TIMES ON DECEMBER 10.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Test Time: 8AM - 9:50AM for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at 11AM.

Test Time: 10AM - 11:50AM for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at 12:30PM.

Test Time: 12 Noon - 1:50PM for all courses which have the first class meeting of the week on Tuesday or Thursday at 3:30PM.

Test Time: 2PM - 3:50PM

PS 211-04 American Government K. Yenerall Chapel Auditorium

PS 211-05 American Government K. Yenerall Chapel Auditorium

COURSES THAT MEET AT 4PM OR LATER AND HAVE THE FIRST CLASS MEETING OF THE WEEK ON THURSDAY EVENINGS WILL TEST AT THE REGULAR THURSDAY MEETING TIMES ON DECEMBER 11. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - MAY BE USED TO RESOLVE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS AND MAKE-UP EXAMS.

Emotional, cognitive strategies relieve finals stress

By Marla Harp
Venango Campus Counselor

Are you feeling overwhelmed, having difficulty concentrating, irritable and restless? These, as well as other cognitive symptoms, are an indication of stress. Stress is also identified in forms of physical symptoms, such as headaches, tight muscles, nervous stomach, and fatigue, to name a few. Understand that relief is possible.

The end of the semester is near, which heightens that sense of stress preparing for finals and final projects. Remember there are things you can do to help yourself alleviate that stress. Seek assistance when available, such as counseling services or learning support services. Additionally, there are numerous physical and lifestyle strategies that can assist in overcoming the negative

effects of stress. Remember that abdominal breathing and relaxation is key. Maintain a low-stress diet, regular exercise, have "mental health days", take 5-10 minute breaks to relax throughout the day, utilize time management techniques, sleep, and choose a nontoxic environment.

Emotional strategies to overcome stress include developing a social support group, self-nurturing, exercise good communication, demonstrate assertiveness (have the ability to say no when needed), enjoy recreational activities, allow yourself emotional release, and enjoy a sense of humor.

Cognitive strategies that can assist in overcoming stress are to practice the ability to counter negative thinking, have the ability to distract yourself from negative preoccupations, take a task-oriented (vs. reactive) approach to

problems, demonstrate the ability to accept/cope with setbacks and demonstrate tolerance for ambiguity.

Finally, there are philosophical/spiritual strategies to deal with stress and these are through having consistent goals or purposes to work toward, establishing a positive philosophy of life, and having your own religious/spiritual life and commitments.

Now with that said, some of you may think, "Easier said than done". You will find that if you work on the strategies listed above and find the ones that seem to best work for you, you will learn ways to overcome those stressful times.

For more information about stress or other questions, contact Venango Campus Counselor Marla Harp at mharp@clarion.edu or at extension 1281.

CUP Madrigal Singers to come to Oil City Dec. 6

A trio of Madrigal Dinners, including the 31st annual dinner to be held on Clarion University's campus, have been scheduled by the Clarion University Madrigal Singers.

The on-campus dinner is scheduled Friday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. in Chandler Dining Hall. The menu for Chandler Dining Hall includes a choice of pork tenderloin with rosemary au jus or herb-baked chicken with tossed green garden salad, roasted red-skinned pota-

toes, California vegetable blend, flaming bread pudding, and wassail punch, coffee or soda.

The tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. For reservations call 814-393-2384 before Dec. 1.

The two off-campus dinners are scheduled at Fort Worth Restaurant, DuBois, Thursday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.; and the Arlington Hotel, Oil City, Saturday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Call 814-393-1270 for prices, menu, and reservations.

A Madrigal Dinner is a reproduction of a 16th Century English Christmas Feast. Each phase of the dinner is introduced by the Herald trumpeters and a carol. Following dinner, the Madrigal Singers perform a concert of Christmas and Madrigal music.

Dr Henry Alviani, associate professor of music and director of choral and vocal music studies at Clarion University, directs the Madrigal Singers.

FINALS: Visit LSC for help with finals preparation

Continued from page 1

8. Change the answers only if you are sure they are wrong.

9. Remember to schedule a time to meet with a tutor. The LSC can assist with arranging study groups.

With these steps, getting through finals won't be a breeze, but it might be a little simpler and more organized. Remember to focus and visualize doing well on the test.

The most important aspect of test taking is relaxing and being prepared for your final exams.

For assistance with finals preparation or other academic assistance, contact the Learning Support Center in 318 Montgomery Hall, or contact Tammy Beach of the Learning Support Center by e-mail at s_tmdulane@clarion.edu or call 814-676-6591, extension 1344.

Learning Support Center notes schedule, tutors

Hours

Monday

Shannon Shuffstall 9-12
Jole Burkett 11-2
Joni Brinker 11:15-3:15
Jole Burkett 3:30-6:30
Joni Brinker 4:30-6:30

Tuesday

Megan Warner 11-2
Daniele Merryman 11-1
Melissa Rainey 2-3:30, 5-6:30
Melinda Eckman 5-7

Wednesday

Shannon Shuffstall 9-11
Jerry Burns 11:30-1:30
Melinda Eckman 12:30-3
Megan Warner 12-3
Joni Brinker 2-3:15
Melinda Eckman 5-7

Thursday

Shannon Shuffstall 9-11
Jerry Burns 9-3
Jole Burkett 11-3
Joni Brinker 11:15-2
Megan Warner 10-2
Melinda Eckman 12-1:30
Daniele Merryman 4-5
Melissa Rainey 5-7
Melinda Eckman 5-7

Friday

Shannon Shuffstall 9-11
Charity Hansford 11-4
Jerry Burns 3-5

Learning Support Center Tutors

Megan Warner

s_mswarner@clarion.edu

Writing II - ENG 111
Fund Speech - CMST 113
Sur. Wom. Lit - ENG 265
MATH 111&211
Basic Biology - BIO 111
HIST 120
Phys Sci & Astronomy
CIS 217
Sociology 211
Music 131
Health
Ed Psych 122
RE 270
ECON 212

Joni Brinker

s_jbrinker@clarion.edu

A&P 1 & 2
Nursing 132, 101, 102 & 131

Daniele Merryman

s_dmmerryman@clarion.edu

Math 050
Math 112
Writing II
Basic Biology
General Psych
Developmental Psych

Jole Burkett

s_jburkett@clarion.edu

Writing II - ENG 111
Intro Music - MUS 111
A&P I& II
CIS 217
General Psych 211
Developmental Psych 260
Sociology 211
Humanities I
Biology 111
App. Micro - CIS 217
Nursing 101, 111, 112, 102

Melissa Rainey

s_mjraine@clarion.edu

Math 112
A&P I&II
Writing II
Math 050
Basic Biology

Melinda Eckman

s_mseckman@clarion.edu

Math 050
CIS 217
General Psych

Shannon Shuffstall

s_stshuffsta@clarion.edu

Speech
Writing II
Intro to Criminal Justice
Math 050
Chem I
Health
CIS 217

Charity Hansford

s_chansford@clarion.edu

A&P I&II
Nursing 101, 111, 112, 102, 131, 121
Writing II

Jerry Burns

s_jmburns@clarion.edu

Math 112
Writing II
Intro to Business
CIS 217
Fund. of MGMT

For additional information about final exam preparation or the Learning Support Center schedule, contact Tammy Beach at s_tmdulaney@clarion.edu, or call extension 1344.

Music performances mark the end of semester

November

Thanksgiving holiday begins on Tuesday, November 25, at 10 p.m. Friday classes meet in place of Tuesday classes on this day.

...

Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27.

...

December

Thanksgiving break ends at 8 a.m., on Monday, December 1.

...

Student Senate will sponsor Celebrate the Seasons on Wednesday, December 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Rhoades Center. The event will recognize various religious and cultural traditions celebrated during the winter season.

...

"The Darjeeling Limited" will be the final film shown in the Independent Film Series on Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

For more information, contact Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, extension 1270, or e-mail eaubele@clarion.edu.

...

Singer/songwriter Adam Kowalczyk will perform at Clarion University-Venango Campus on Friday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Lounge.

Kowalczyk recently relocated to

the East Coast from California following a four-year stint that included independent projects with Dan Vickery of The Counting Crows, and Gregg Upchurch of Eleven, and Puddle of Mudd.

He was a member of the band Adam and the Weight, which garnished a nomination for Independent Pop Album of the Year by the LA Music Awards 2003 for their debut CD "Looking up from the Ground," as well as an Honorable Mention for his song "Never Good at Fighting" by The International Songwriting Competition 2004.

Kowalczyk's new release is titled "The Dream EP."

For more information about this performance, contact Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu or at extension 1270.

...

Classes for the fall 2008 semester end on Friday, December 5.

The Final Exam Period begins Monday, December 8 and end Friday, December 12.

Winter Commencement takes place Saturday, December 13, in Clarion.

...

Winter Intersession begins Monday, December 15. Final Exams for Winter Intersession courses are Monday, January 5.

...

Garrison Starr and Adrienne perform on Friday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Latonia Theater in Oil City. For more

information, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu, or at 814-676-6591, extension 1270.

...

January

Spring semester 2009 begins Monday, January 12. Registration for day and evening classes will also be held that day.

...

Miscellaneous

Yoga sessions will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Classes will be instructed by Libby Jenkins.

With the conclusion of renovations, yoga sessions will be held at the Rhoades Gymnasium. The sessions are free.

...

Cardio-kickboxing sessions will be held every Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m., at the Franklin School of Kung Fu, 845 Buffalo St., Franklin. The sessions are free.

...

Joann Wheeler will display her art at Rhoades Center through December.

Her three-dimensional collages and boxes have been exhibited and sold in juried group shows in several galleries.

...

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



SUNBURY
VENANGO

JAN 21 2009

YOUR CAMPUS. YOUR PAPER. YOUR VOICE

VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 14

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009

Free fitness programs at Venango Campus offer healthy start to 2009

Clarion University-Venango Campus will offer several opportunities to fulfill those New Year's resolutions to get fit. Take advantage of these free programs.

Body camp classes will be held every Tuesday beginning January 27 at 2 p.m. in the Rhoades Gymnasium. Classes will be taught by Jane Horos of the YWCA. The one-hour cardio class will concentrate on strength training, but will also incorporate traditional step aerobics as well as an interval training boot camp class.

Yoga classes instructed by Libby Jenkins will begin

Thursday, January 29, at 11 a.m., and be held every Thursday to follow at the same time. Yoga classes will be held in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

"Yes, you can!" quit smoking. Smoking cessation classes will be held every Thursday for six weeks beginning January 22, at 3:30 p.m., in the conference room in Rhoades Center. The class will provide students with the tools needed to quit smoking for good.

A Food For Thought cooking class will be held Tuesday, February 10, at 3 p.m., at the Community Room in the Student Apart-

ment Complex. Here, students learn about foods that actually help the brain function and think better.

Get active with Dr. Lott every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. Various activities will take place throughout the semester, including biking, hiking, cross country skiing, cardio and strength training, and more. For more information, contact Dr. Lott at dlott@clarion.edu.

For more information about any of these programs, contact Kristen Colford in the Student Affairs Office at 814-676-6591, extension 1271.

Patterson, Keenan present at conference

Dr. Kathleen Patterson, Director of Clarion University's School of Nursing and Allied Health, located at Clarion University-Venango Campus in Oil City, and Professor Joyce Keenan, Chair of the Department of Nursing, were presenters at the recent 9th Annual Interdisciplinary Research Conference entitled

"Transforming Healthcare Through Research, Education, and Technology" in Dublin, Ireland.

Their presentation, entitled "Bridging the Chasm: An Education and Health Care Partnership to Manage the Nursing Shortage in a Rural Community," explored an innovative partnership approach to meeting the international

nursing shortage that is particularly critical in rural areas as the "baby boomer generation" is reaching retirement age. The authors shared the unique partnership model through which Clarion University has teamed with UPMC Northwest and Meadville Medical Center to ensure a quality nursing workforce into the future.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

FITNESS PROGRAMS 1

CONFERENCE 1

TRASH TALK 2

STATE NEWS 3

NATIONAL NEWS 3

WORLD NEWS 4

PTK NEWS 5

WORDS OF WISDOM 5

CAREER CENTER NEWS 6

NOW YA KNOW! 6

Make your resolution environmentally-friendly



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

New Year's resolutions usually revolve around weight loss, exercise, and money. What if this year was different? Even though we are a couple of weeks into 2009, it doesn't mean we can't add a few to the list. To get into the mindset, I'll share a few ideas.

One thing we can all easily do is participate in a local cleanup. Phi Theta Kappa picks up trash as part of the Adopt-a-Highway pro-

gram in March; extra bodies are always welcome (email me). If you cannot find a group with which to participate, grab a few friends or your kids and take a walk around your neighborhood or the bike trail, or anywhere and beautify a piece of the earth.

Get rid of those plastic bags whenever possible. Keep some of the reusable bags handy so you have them whenever needed. I keep some in the trunk of my car, and a few by the back door. They hold an amazing amount of groceries, are easier to carry, and don't slide all over the trunk. They are also quite strong. My four-year-old loves to climb into one and make me carry him around the house in it. Though I wouldn't recommend you test their strength this way, I haven't had one rip yet.

Walk more. This actually goes along with the weight loss/exercise resolutions. If your destination is

in walking distance, walk. Walking distance is NOT, by the way, the distance from the house to the car.

Carpool! When you have errands to run, do them with a friend or family member that has to hit the same stores. You will save money and energy, and let's face it - shopping is just more fun with a friend.

Make your voice heard. Contact the local congressman about at least one environmental issue this year. Show your concern for wildlife, food additives, or whatever concerns you most. Track bills that are coming up to vote and let your voice be heard.

Recycle. Make a pact with yourself that recyclable materials will make it into a recycling bin instead of the trashcan.

Start a compost pile. It can be as simple as a corner of the garden or yard. This reduces the amount of garbage going into a land-

fill, and helps your plants grow naturally, without harsh chemicals.

Reduce your paper consumption. Opt for cloth napkins over paper, and do away with the paper towels.

When you do buy paper products, choose types that contain post-consumer recycled fiber. It's available in almost every store, even the cheaper stores, usually at the same price or slightly more than paper made from virgin material. It used to be that recycled paper was less than white, or of a lesser quality. Not anymore!

If everyone in this country alone commits to one or two environmentally beneficial practices, we can help turn the tides on the state of our planet.

I'd love to hear your comments or things you'd like to see in this column. Email me at s_lasecor@clarion.edu.

Remember, small changes can bring big results!

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnists
Lori Secor Marla Harp

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania - Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Mondays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

State

Pa. House speaker sees tough budget choices ahead

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The new speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives predicted that the coming budget season will be one of the toughest lawmakers will ever face.

In his first interview since being elected last week to lead the chamber, Speaker Keith R. McCall said the state's tight finances will limit the Legislature's ability to address such Democratic priorities as expanding health coverage for the uninsured.

McCall, D-Carbon, said the challenge is more daunting than just addressing the projected \$1-billion-plus shortfall for the year that ends June 30. He is worried that next year's budget hole could approach \$3 billion to \$4 billion.

"I don't want to raise a panic, but that is the reality that we're dealing with in the economy, in the revenue collections that we're seeing right now," McCall said during a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press in his Capitol office.

He said he senses no support by the House membership to increase any broad-based state taxes, such as on sales or income.

"So where we go is a very tough

question," McCall said. "And if you're not raising any of those taxes, that means cuts. And those cuts will be draconian, in my opinion. But I think it's something that the public and members of this General Assembly have to see and come to terms with."

McCall said he wants to focus over the next few months on finding a way to delay looming electric rate increases for consumers and businesses by pushing back the scheduled expiration of regulation-era rate caps.

"I think we have to delay, there's no question about it," McCall said. "I think we have to roll up our sleeves and figure out a way how we're going to mitigate these rates."

He was elevated to speaker last week on a party-line vote in the House that Democrats control by five seats and took the reins after several years in which the Legislature's public image has suffered.

McCall said he was not inclined to second-guess how Attorney General Tom Corbett has handled an ongoing investigation into possible illegal use of state money and other resources for campaign purposes.

Some Democrats have complained

that after two years only members of their party have been charged.

"I don't know what Tom Corbett has in front of him and what he's looking at and what was presented to him," McCall said. "So I can't criticize the man for the investigation."

He threw cold water on proposals to expand the state's casinos to allow table games such as blackjack and poker, saying such a decision on the matter should not be made until all of the facilities authorized by the 2004 slots law are up and running.

McCall, 49, was just 23 years old and had worked at the Auditor General's Office when he was elected in 1982 to the rural northeastern Pennsylvania seat that was opened by the death of the incumbent — his father, Thomas. He has served as ranking Democrat on the Consumer Affairs and Transportation committees, and in 2006 was elected majority whip.

He vowed to aim for honest dealings with lawmakers and said he wants to encourage ideas from those lower down in the hierarchy.

"One of the things that my father taught me is your ears will never get you in trouble," he said.

National

Virginia company recalls peanut butter nationwide

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — A peanut butter maker that sells bulk supplies to institutions issued a nationwide recall of peanut butter from one its plants because of possible contamination with salmonella.

Lynchburg-based Peanut Corp. of America company issued the recall late Tuesday for 21 lots of peanut butter made at a plant in Blakely, Ga., plant

on or after July 1.

The company said none of the peanut butter being recalled is sold through retail stores. Its peanut butter is made for bulk distribution to institutions, food service industries and private label food companies. The company said the peanut butter is sold under the brand name Parnell's Pride and by the King Nut Co. as King Nut.

Health officials on Tuesday confirmed the deaths of two people in Virginia and one in Minnesota associated with a national salmonella outbreak that has sickened more than 400 people in 43 states.

The health officials had recommended nursing homes, hospitals,

See NATIONAL on page 4

World

UN chief says Gaza negotiations must intensify

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon became the latest global diplomat to try to put out Middle East fires on Wednesday as he began his weeklong Middle East trip in Egypt with a call for intensifying negotiations and an immediate halt to fighting in Gaza.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit, whose nation has dominated the search for a solution to Israel's battle with Hamas, said it had received the militant group's latest proposal and would convey it to the Israelis.

For the past 19 days, Israel has been hitting the Gaza Strip in an attempt to end Hamas rocket fire, killing over 940 Palestinians, according to Palestinian medical officials.

"My call is (for) an immediate end to violence in Gaza, and then to the Israeli military offensive and a halt to rocket attacks by Hamas," Ban told reporters after meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

"It is intolerable that civilians bear the brunt of this conflict," he said, adding that the "negotiations need to be intensified to provide arrangements and

guarantees in order to sustain an endurable cease-fire and calm."

Late Tuesday, Ban flew from New York to Cairo, where Mubarak launched an initiative with France a week ago aimed at achieving a temporary halt to the fighting to be followed by a permanent cease-fire and arrangements on border security.

Hamas delegations have been shuttling between Gaza, Cairo and Syria and Aboul Gheit indicated that an agreement was near, without revealing any details.

"There is a Hamas proposition, we will discuss it with the Israelis," he told reporters. "We will keep it under a lid of secrecy until we reach a cease-fire agreement that is followed by several interrelated steps to reach a cease-fire, ensure withdrawal (of the Israelis), open the crossing and secure the return of the monitors."

Israel and Hamas do not meet face to face, relying instead on Egypt as the mediator.

The foreign minister added that he envisioned a return to the situation just before a truce, brokered by Egypt, between Hamas and Israel broke down in

December. However, neither side was happy with the situation under the truce. Hamas was upset that Gaza was still under an intense blockade, and Israel was upset Hamas was still able to launch rockets into Israel.

After Egypt, Ban heads to Jordan, Israel, the Palestinian-controlled West Bank, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Kuwait. His itinerary does not include a stop in Gaza because of the ongoing conflict.

One possible solution to the crisis involves the use of Turkish troops as monitors, according to diplomats familiar with negotiations. Aboul Gheit did not reject the possibility outright during the press conference with Ban, but said it was "premature" until agreement from Hamas and the Palestinian Authority, which is in control of the West Bank and has been at odds with Hamas, had been reached.

Efforts of Arab countries to contain the crisis were riven, meanwhile, with their own divisions. Qatar on Wednesday managed to get enough Arab countries to agree on an emergency summit meeting in its capital of Doha for Friday.

NATIONAL: Outbreak may have caused 3 deaths

Continued from page 3

schools, universities and restaurants discard specific containers of peanut butter linked to the outbreak.

The recall was issued after an open container of King Nut peanut butter in a long-term care facility in Minnesota was found to contain a strain of salmonella.

"We deeply regret that this has happened," Stewart Parnell, owner and president of Peanut Corp. of America, said in a news release. "Out of an abundance of caution, we are voluntarily withdrawing this produce and contacting our customers."

Customers were notified by telephone and in writing, the company said. The Centers for Disease Control

has said the outbreak may have contributed to the three deaths.

Two adults in Virginia and an elderly woman in Minnesota had salmonella when they died, though health officials said the causes of death hadn't been determined.

Besides the Georgia plant, Peanut Corp. of America has plants in Suffolk, Va., and in Plainview, Texas.

PTK will kick off new semester with several events

Phi Theta Kappa has a brand new and exciting program in the works this year called "Totes for Tots". This is a multi-generational project for our community, moving full circle from our community's elderly to its youth and back again.

It begins with Oil City nursing home residents at both Presbyterian Home and Golden Living Center. They are decorating tote bags that we will then take to Oil City Boy Scout troops who will fill the tote bags with fun and educational items. PTK members will deliver the tote bags to preschool-aged children right here in Oil City on "Read Across America Day." We will take pictures of the children receiving their tote bags and take them back to the scout troops, nursing homes, and our campus so all the people involved can be a part of the results of their generosity.

All of us at PTK are very excited about this project. Not only because it will be beneficial to both children and older adults, but because it is for the people in OUR community. We hope

you will help us make this a success in Oil City so we can extend the project to include Franklin and other surrounding communities in future years.

You can help by sponsoring one or more totes for \$20 each. Unless you prefer to remain anonymous, you will be included in the list of sponsors that will accompany each tote bag.

For more information, please contact Beth Austin at s_edaustin@clarion.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa still has a few pies left from the fall sale. The cost is \$7.50 each, and the available flavors are: two Peach Praline, two Pineapple Upside Down, one Cherry, and one Apple Walnut.

If you would like to buy one of these amazingly delicious treats, contact Jaime Renwick at s_jsrenwick@clarion.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa has soy candles remaining from the fall sale. They are \$6 each, cash and carry. These are locally-made and available in several wonderful

scents. To get yours today and support local crafters, contact one of the following PTK members: Jaime Renwick, Beth Austin, Lori Secor, Daniele Merryman, or Melinda Eckman.

Phi Theta Kappa will present the first Honor's Satellite Seminar Series of the semester. The Geography of Bliss as presented by Eric Weiner will be shown Monday, January 26, at 5:30 p.m. in Rhoades Auditorium. If you've ever wondered where the happiest places on earth are and why they are so happy, then this presentation is for you.

Save a life. Donate blood. Join Phi Theta Kappa on Thursday, February 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Rhoades Auditorium, to make a difference in someone's life.

Sign-up sheets are available in Rhoades, the nursing office, and the administrative office.

For more information, email Beth Austin at s_edaustin@clarion.edu.



Got an idea?
Do you like to write?
Have an opinion?



We want to hear it!

E-mail voice@clarion.edu now!

Words of
Wisdom



'Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.'

New Choices-Options Program extends its deadline

The deadline for applications for the New Choices-Options Program has been extended to Thursday, January 29, and now includes both first- and second-year students. Applications are posted by the Career Center Entrance (room 228) in Montgomery. Applications are also available at the LSC in Montgomery, Rhoades (Student Affairs) and Frame (Admissions and Front Office).

Scholarships and Supportive Services are available to: non-traditional students in a 2-year program including women studying for a career in industrial technology (all 23 concentrations), applied computer systems, criminal justice, and entrepreneurial

studies, as well as for men studying for a career in nursing, medical office assistant/coding, special education/early childhood education, pharmacy technician, respiratory technician, and phlebotomy. Single parents and displaced homemakers are also invited to apply.

For more information or an application, contact Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at mconrad@clarion.edu, 814-676-6591, extension 1373, or in room 230 of Montgomery Hall.

...

A part-time Computer Assistant position is available at Child Development Centers. The chosen candidate would be responsible for loading software, cleaning

the computers, and general preventative maintenance for classroom computers.

Work location would vary between the Franklin, Hasson Heights and Cranberry Centers. The position will require 10-15 hours per week and flexible work hours are acceptable. The salary is \$7.50 per hour.

Computer/IS majors are preferred and/or computer experience. The position requires Act 33 & 151 Clearances obtained within one year and also requires a recent physical and TB test.

Interested candidates should email chaugh@cdcenters.org or fax to: 814-437-5926.



NOW YA KNOW!

Q. When "it" was unveiled in 1982, one speaker at the ceremony said, "Thank you, America, for finally remembering."
What was "it"?



A. Vietnam Memorial
in Washington D.C.



EMAIL THE **VENANGO VOICE!** [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



JAN 27 2009

VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 15

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009

PTK to kickoff Honor's Satellite Seminar Series with Eric Weiner

Phi Theta Kappa proudly presents the Honor's Satellite Seminar Series once again in 2009. The Geography of Bliss will kickoff the series Monday, January 26, at 5:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium. The seminar will be presented by Eric Weiner, author of The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World.

Weiner has traveled to the places that surveys

show are the happiest on earth to see what makes these people happy. His book, The Geography of Bliss, is the memoir of those travels and it describes an extraordinary take on happiness and the cultural factors that nurture happiness.

His presentation will journey from America to Iceland to India, asking why Asheville, N.C., is so happy. Are people in Switzerland happier because it is the most democratic

country in the world? Does Bhutan's official tracking of its Gross National Happiness help to make them happier? His answers are drawn from his own personal discoveries about himself, the insights of classical thinkers on happiness, and analysis of the world's most contented cultures. He provides surprising insights into why and how place matters in our search for happiness.

Refreshments will follow.



Venango Campus students Kristen Colford (l) and Erin Wincek stand just outside the National Mall on January 20, waiting for the inauguration of the 44th president of the United States, Barack Obama. For more pictures, see page 6.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

SEMINAR SERIES	1
INAUGURAL PHOTOS	1, 6
JOB OPPORTUNITIES	2
STATE NEWS	3
NATIONAL NEWS	3
WORLD NEWS	4
INTERNSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP NEWS	5
WORDS OF WISDOM	5
MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP	5
PASS	6
RECYCLE CELL PHONES	6

Full, part time positions are available to students

A full-time receptionist position is available for a busy two-physician office in Titusville.

Medical office experience is preferred. The position includes a 36-hour work week, Monday through Friday, no weekends or holidays. Full time benefits are available.

Send a cover letter and resume to: TAHS, Inc., P.O. Box 302, Titusville, PA 16354.

...

An excellent opportunity exists for any student willing to work in any of the U.C. Claims Centers. The starting salary is \$14.38/hour.

You MUST apply on the civil service website at www.scsc.state.pa.us and must be tested and pass the exam for consideration. Veteran's preference is given per Commonwealth guidelines on eligibility.

Information below is taken directly from that website for your review. Any and all questions should be

referred to the agencies listed.

A U.S. Claims Interim Intake Interviewer position is available - job code 06590, pay schedule and range S4. In this position, you will interview applicants for unemployment claims to determine if they qualify for benefits.

A major portion of this work is devoted to the processing of initial and ongoing claims and related clerical work.

All work is performed in a call center environment utilizing telephone and personal computers.

Apply online at www.scsc.state.pa.us or submit your completed paper application to: State Civil Service Commission or Pennsylvania CareerLink offices.

...

A Titusville manufacturing company has an Inside Sales position open. The position is full time, Monday through Friday, 8

a.m. to 5p.m.

The candidate must have computer experience, customer service skills and be able to work in a fast paced office. Benefits will include medical, dental, and 401k after a probationary period.

Email resumes to diane.bromley@commercialfluidpower.com.

...

Premier Foot & Ankle Center, P.C., is looking to fill a full time or part time position, depending on the candidate.

The wage is \$10/hour. Benefits include a health-care flexible spending account.

They will take the right student candidate part time until your graduation in August. They are looking for a start date immediately.

For a complete list of duties and significant points, contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at mconrad@clarion.edu, then e-mail a detailed resume to premierfootankle@hotmail.com for consideration.

Premier Foot & Ankle Center is located at 410 Hillcrest Avenue, Grove City, PA 16127. Call 724-450-1144 or fax 724-450-1140 for more information.

...

An ITV Technician is needed for Wednesday nights, 6:15-9:15 p.m., at Venango Campus.

This work is located in the Montgomery building and there are no required skills needed.

The worker will need to show up on time weekly (absolutely a must).

The training will be provided.

Please return an email to cmuschweek@clarion.edu or call 814-393-1279 and leave a name and phone number where you can be reached. This position is open immediately.

...

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhodes Center
Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271 Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnists
Lori Secor Marla Harp

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania - Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Mondays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

State

Colleges convert cooking oil into bio-diesel fuel

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Forgive the students at Sinclair Community College if they get the munchies when they pass the tractors that cut grass, blow leaves or sweep snow on campus: Oil that once cooked french fries and onion rings is being used to power the vehicles.

Students have begun making biodiesel fuel by converting used cooking oil from the dining hall. Biodiesel saves the school a little money on gasoline, gives the students lessons in engineering and chemistry, and removes oil from the waste stream.

"It ends up as a product that is more friendly to the environment. And we're teaching with it," said Woody Woodruff, director of facilities at the 65-acre campus.

Sinclair is among a growing number of colleges nationwide making their own biodiesel, an alternative fuel produced from renewable oilseed crops, such as canola or soybean, or from used vegetable oil and other fats. The concept is being driven by greater environmental awareness among students.

The State University of New York melted down a 900-pound butter sculpture from the state fair last summer to help power its vehicles. Biodiesel accounts for about 8 percent of the fuel used on campus.

Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., produces 50 to 150 gallons of biodiesel each week to power campus lawn mowers, a garbage truck and farm equipment. The school has more than dou-

bled its capacity of biodiesel, growing from 20-gallon to 54-gallon batches, while biodiesel byproducts are being used in a composting research project at the school's organic farm and to make soap sold in the campus bookstore.

At the University of Kansas, biodiesel fuels lawn mowers, backhoes, front-end loaders and other construction equipment. It is also used as a solvent to clean parts and tools and to heat a motor-pool building.

When the school began making biodiesel in September 2007, two people were involved. Now there are 25.

Neil Steiner, an architectural engineering student, volunteered to work on the project last year and is now a paid lab employee.

"I'm really into green buildings, and it was the greenest thing I could get my hands on," said Steiner, 22, of Tulsa, Okla.

Most colleges make biodiesel by chemically converting used cooking oil from campus dining halls. The oil is transformed through a process called transesterification, which removes glycerine and adds methanol, leaving a thinner product that can power a diesel engine. Biodiesel can also be blended with petroleum diesel.

When a question was posted in November on the online discussion board of The National Association of College & University Food Services asking what dining halls were doing with their fryer oil waste, the board was quickly flooded with responses.

Schools said they were either using the oil to make biodiesel or selling it to companies for that purpose.

Estimated U.S. sales of biodiesel have jumped from 75 million gallons in 2005 to 700 million gallons last year.

Sinclair students turn out two batches of biodiesel a week. As of December, they had produced about 100 gallons. With the price of diesel fuel hovering around \$2.50 a gallon and the cost of making biodiesel \$1 a gallon, the students saved the school a modest \$150.

"It's a gesture," said Bob Gilbert, head of Sinclair's center for energy education. "Our first goal is education."

Sam Spofforth, executive director of Clean Fuels Ohio, a statewide group that promotes the use of renewable fuels, said the interest in biofuels among college students should create a pipeline of talent and energy for commercial biodiesel production.

"They realize this is the wave of the future," Spofforth said. "There is going to be a tremendous need for educated people to move into these industries."

Steiner estimates he spends 20 hours a week on the University of Kansas biodiesel project, which he works on between classes.

He hopes to use his experience after he graduates, perhaps as a consultant helping biodiesel companies obtain materials and funding.

National

Microsoft to slash 5,000 jobs, misses on 2Q profits

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Microsoft Corp. said Thursday it is cutting 5,000 jobs over the next 18 months, a sign of how badly even the biggest and richest

companies are being stung by the recession.

The layoffs appear to be a first for Microsoft, which was founded in 1975,

aside from relatively limited staff cuts the software company made after ac-

See NATIONAL on page 4

World

Fidel Castro doesn't doubt Obama's 'honesty'

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro watched the U.S. inauguration on television and says he doesn't doubt Barack Obama's "honesty," breaking a month-long silence with an essay published Thursday in Cuba's state-run press.

The comments by the former Cuban president were released after a meeting Wednesday with visiting Argentine President Cristina Fernandez, who told reporters that "Fidel believes in Obama."

The meeting with Fernandez dispelled persistent rumors that the 82-year-old Castro had suffered a stroke or lapsed into a coma in recent days.

"I was with Fidel about an hour or more," she told reporters at the airport as she left. "We were chatting, conversing. He looked good." Castro himself wrote that the meeting lasted 40 minutes and he said the two exchanged thoughts about the new U.S. president.

"I personally did not have the slightest doubt about the honesty of Obama, the 11th president since Jan. 1, 1959, when he expresses his ideas," Castro said he told Fernandez, referring to the day his band of bearded rebels

toppled a dictator and took power in Cuba.

"But despite noble intentions, there are still many questions to answer," Castro added, singling out the question of whether a capitalist system can protect the environment.

Castro's essay was his first such writing since Dec. 15 — a silent spell that fed speculation his health had taken a turn for the worse.

Fernandez said Castro wore the track suit that has become his trademark since he fell ill in July 2006 and vanished from public view.

"He told me he had followed the inauguration of Barack Obama very closely, that he had watched the inauguration on television all day," Fernandez said.

Obama has said he is not yet ready to fully end the U.S. embargo on Cuba, but says he will ease limits on Cuban-Americans' visits to the island and on how much money they can send home to relatives.

He has also offered to negotiate personally with Raul Castro, though he has said he won't push Congress to lift

the U.S. trade embargo, at least not right away.

Raul Castro, who took over the presidency from his brother 11 months ago, appeared earlier with Fernandez and scoffed at the rumors about his brother's health.

"Do you think if he were really gravely ill that I'd be smiling here?" Raul Castro said. "Soon I'm going to take a trip to Europe. You guys think I could leave here if Fidel were really in grave condition?"

Castro, 77, said his older brother spends his days "thinking a lot, reading a lot, advising me, helping me."

Fidel Castro hadn't held a confirmed meeting with a foreign leader since Nov. 28. The presidents of Panama and Ecuador visited this month but left without saying they had seen the elder Castro.

"Now you know that Fidel is fine, and not like the rumors around here," Raul Castro said.

He told reporters earlier in the day that Obama "seems like a good man" and wished him luck, though he did not elaborate.

NATIONAL: Company reported 11 percent drop

Continued from page 3

quiring companies.

The company announced the cuts as it reported an 11 percent drop in second-quarter profit, which fell short of Wall Street's expectations.

Microsoft shares plunged 7 percent in morning trading.

Microsoft said it was being hurt by deteriorating global economic conditions and lower revenue from software

for PCs.

The holiday quarter of 2008 was the worst the PC market had seen in several years.

The Redmond-based company said profit fell to \$4.17 billion, or 47 cents per share, from year-ago earnings of \$4.71 billion, or 50 cents per share.

Total revenue edged up 2 percent to \$16.63 billion, as software for corporate computer servers helped offset an 8 percent drop in revenue for PC software.

The results missed Wall Street's forecast for earnings of 49 cents per share on sales of \$17.08 billion.

Microsoft said the job cuts will reduce operating costs by \$1.5 billion as it prepares for lower revenue and earnings in the second half of the year.

The company says it is unable to offer profit and revenue guidance for the rest of the year, because of the market volatility.

Its shares fell \$1.34 to \$18.04 in morning trading.

Internship, scholarship applications offered to students

Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr., has established a new internship program in his Washington, D.C., office. The A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., Internship is open to students who are enrolled or plan to enroll in law school and are residents of Pennsylvania.

Each year, one applicant is selected by Sen. Casey to serve as a paid A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., Intern for six weeks during the summer. The internship provides the opportunity to participate in the legislative process while working to further the cause of equal justice.

The official application, detailed overview of the A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., Internship, and biographical information on Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., is available online at <http://casey.senate.gov>. Additional questions may be answered by calling Sen. Casey's Washington, D.C., office at 202-224-6324 and asking to speak with the intern coordinator.

Deadline for applicants to apply for the Summer program is March 1, 2009.

...

The Clarion University Alumni Association (CUAA) has available Scholarship and Leadership Awards for undergraduate students for the 2009-2010 year. Special consideration will be given to children of Clarion University alumni, as well as members of the Eagle Ambassador student alumni group. Scholarships are awarded up to \$1,500 in the form of a tuition credit, with half the amount applied in Fall 2009, and the other half in Spring 2010.

The Scholarship and Leadership Awards are open to full-time undergraduate students who: have earned an overall QPA of 3.0 or better; will have

completed at least 30 credit hours at Clarion University prior to the 2009-2010 academic year; and will not be graduating in or before December 2009.

Applications are available at the Venango Admissions Office.

Applications must be received by the Alumni Office on or before Friday, February 27, 2009, at 4 p.m. in order to be considered.

For more information contact Kay Enslie at extension 1277.

...

The deadline for applications for the New Choices-Options Program has been extended to Thursday, January 29, and now includes both first- and second-year students. Applications are posted by the Career Center Entrance (room 228) in Montgomery. Applications are also available at the LSC in Montgomery, Rhoades (Student Affairs) and Frame (Admissions and Front Office).

Services are available to: non-traditional students in a 2-year program including women studying for a career in industrial technology (all 23 concentrations), applied computer systems, criminal justice, and entrepreneurial studies, as well as for men studying for a career in nursing, medical office assistant/coding, special education/early childhood education, pharmacy technician, respiratory technician, and phlebotomy. Single parents and displaced homemakers are also invited to apply.

For more information or an application, contact Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at mconrad@clarion.edu, 814-676-6591, extension 1373, or in room 230 of Montgomery Hall.

...

Applications for Venango Campus Scholarships are available in the Venango Admissions Office and the Venango Administrative Office. These

scholarships are made available by businesses, service organizations, local residents, the faculty of Venango Campus, and the Clarion University Foundation.

Even though each scholarship has certain criteria, the Scholarship Committee requires one (1) application, and you will be considered for each scholarship for which you are eligible.

The following guidelines will be considered when awarding Venango Campus Scholarships: academic achievement; extracurricular activities; financial need; professional goals; criteria specified by the scholarship sponsor; majority of your credits will be scheduled at Venango Campus; and one scholarship per student per year.

Scholarships will be awarded for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The deadline for submitting the application is Friday, February 20, 2009.

Current and new nursing students may want to check with the School of Nursing and Allied Health for additional scholarship opportunities.

Words of
Wisdom



*'A sharp tongue
can cut your own
throat.'*

The Military Support Group will resume Wednesdays at noon, in Rhoades. All are welcome to join and be of support to one another.

For more information, contact Marla Harp at ext. 1281.

Project PASS allows students to develop skills

Project PASS, Promoting Academic Success for Students, is offered to all Venango Campus students as a resource for developing and enhancing their academic skills and increasing their familiarity with the services offered by the campus and the University.

By working collaboratively with faculty and staff, students participating in Project PASS will gain a greater understanding of the skills and re-

sources necessary for reaching their academic and career goals.

The Spring 2009 Semester of activities includes: Effective Note Taking and Study Skills on January 29-30; Finding Balance: Managing Multiple Priorities with Ease on February 5-6; and Overcoming Math Anxiety on February 12-13.

All of the sessions combined will be offered Saturday, January 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 404 Montgomery Hall. Lunch will be provided for the Saturday

session.

Students who participate in all four sessions (the first session took place before this issue of the *Voice* was distributed) or the combined Saturday session are eligible for a chance to win a free HP laptop.

For more information, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu, or by phone at 814-676-6591, extension 1270.

Recycle cell phones responsibly at Venango bookstore

By Lori Secor

I would like to thank everyone who donated their cell phones last semester at Earth Day and since then in the bookstore. By donating your phones, we were able to ensure they would be reused and recycled responsibly.

I recently sent the phones to GRC wireless recycling, and am looking forward to sending another box soon.

There is an estimated 500,000 cell phones sitting around unused in closets and drawers. If they are simply thrown away, they will add about 312,000 pounds of lead to landfills.

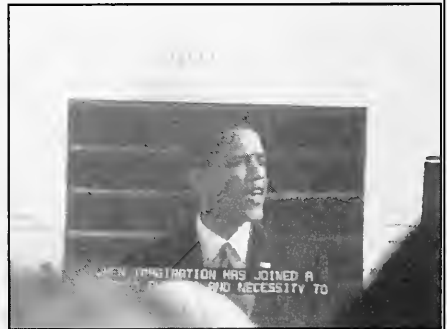
Please bring any phones and phone

batteries you, your family, and friends have lying around to the bookstore and help us to make sure they are recycled responsibly!

Be safe and clear your personal information off your old phone first. For easy instructions, visit www.recellular.com/recycling/data_eraser.



In the picture to the left, Kerri Smayda showed her patriotism while standing on the lawn of the National Mall. In the picture to the right, President Barack Obama gives his inaugural address, as viewed from a jumbotron in front of the U.S. Capitol building.



Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 16

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009

Independent Film Series is slated

The Clarion University-Venango Campus Independent Film Series, which features films from independent filmmakers from Germany, France, Ireland, Afghanistan, South Africa, and the United States, is free and open to the public. All films will be shown in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. For questions regarding the series or any of the films, please contact Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

"The Son (Le Fils)" will be shown Saturday, Feb. 14.

The practice of work is central to *Le Fils* (The Son), a deceptively complex movie about revenge and redemption. The film seems straightforward enough: Olivier, a carpenter, takes on a young man named Francis as an apprentice. Francis is newly released from juvenile detention, and Olivier slowly discovers that Francis played a part in the death of his son some years earlier. Francis is unaware of the connection he shares with Olivier, this asymmetrical relationship investigates the ideas of forgiveness and

vengeance... "The Son" is ultimately a Christian allegory of one man's inchoate desire to return good for evil. The film is in French with English subtitles.

"The Great Debaters", rated PG-13, will be shown Saturday, Feb. 21.

The film, based on a true story, revolves around the efforts of debate coach Melvin B. Tolson (Denzel Washington) at historically black Wiley College to place his team on equal footing with whites in the American South during the

See FILMS on page 9

Project PASS to note last session

February

The Project PASS (Promoting Academic Success for Students) session that still remains is "Overcoming Math Anxiety" on Thursday, February 12. The session will be held at 3:30 p.m., at room 404 Montgomery Hall.

Students who participate in all four sessions or the comprehensive Saturday session are eligible for a chance to win a free HP

laptop.

For more information about Project PASS, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at eaubele@clarion.edu or at extension 1270.

...

Arthur Romano will present "Exploring Non-Violence" on Monday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with Dare 2 Care Week.

Romano is a certified nonviolence trainer and accomplished international educator who has worked globally to challenge violence and promote peace.

...

A Food For Thought cooking class will be held on Tuesday, February 10, at 3 p.m., at the Community Center in the Student

See EVENTS on page 7

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

FILM SERIES	1
EVENTS	1-10
TRASH TALK	2
JOB OPENINGS	3
STATE NEWS	4
NATIONAL NEWS	4
WORLD NEWS	5
MARLA HARP	6
HEALTH CAMPS	6
PTK NEWS	7
PARKING POLICY	7
CHARLIE WHIPPLE	8
WORDS OF WISDOM	8
WEAR RED DAY	9

Do you know how safe Fluffy's kitty litter is?



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

Reduce, reuse, recycle; insulate, weatherize, winterize, organic, all-natural, chemical-free. When making changes to keep the family and yourself healthier, don't forget Fluffy. When thinking of products used for a pet cat, litter is at the top of the 'ick' list – and for good reason. Most cat litters contain enough chemicals to make your cat's fur stand on end.

Here's a brief run-down of the problem with tradi-

tional cat litters. Clay litter is strip-mined, causing environmental damage; the dust the litter kicks up is bad for the cat's lungs and can cause asthma and respiratory disease.

Scented litter gets its scent from undisclosed chemical cocktails including phthalates (as is most bath and body products people use as well).

Flushable litter is a bit of a complex issue. It helps to biodegrade the litter – good thing. But kitty poo has a parasite called toxoplasmosis – the reason pregnant women are to avoid the litter box. When it is flushed, water treatment plants are unable to filter it out, so it ends up in the waterways.

Silica gel litters are kind of new, really expensive, and work great to absorb and kick odors. The blue granules in it may be dyed with cobalt (II) chloride (the mystery chemical is undisclosed by the manufacturers,

of course). This chemical is possibly carcinogenic and definitely toxic.

Never fear, feline lovers. There are greener, healthier choices. First on the list is recycled newspaper. This can be bought in a store, but what better way to use up what's left after the kids have paper mache'd the house? Get directions how to make your own here: <http://alliesanswers.com>.

Sifting boxes are probably the best thing for the environment (unless you do as I do and let the cat outside to get back to nature when nature calls). Sifting boxes entail a sifting screen with untreated pea sized gravel to catch the excrement, a box below it to catch the wet. I don't know about this option – I don't think it would do much against odor... and I don't want to be the one to wash those rocks. Available at some stores are combo deals of wheat,

corn, alfalfa pellets, and ground corn cobs – renewable and nontoxic. Always choose an unscented litter.

What to do with the waste? We've talked about the cat excrement in the toilet, but what about burying it? That could actually contaminate the surrounding area and won't kill parasites for up to a year. Composting? Definitely not! That toxoplasmosis, other parasites, and roundworms are extremely difficult to eliminate with composting.

What is the safest way to get rid of it for everyone? Trash. Yes, you read that right. It goes straight to the landfill. But, all things considered, I've yet to come across a safer way to do it. I'll continue to throw *ahem* I mean LET the cat outside to do her business, and avoid the issue altogether!

References for this article can be found at: <http://www.petsfortheenvironment.org>.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhodes Center

Clarion University – Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Columnists

Lori Secor Marla Harp

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Mondays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Positions are still available for qualified candidates

A part-time position for a Drop In Center Program Coordinator with the possibility of going full-time is available. This position reports directly to the Program Director responsible for directing the re-socialization or re-entry of consumers in the community. The Drop-In Center is located in Oil City.

The Coordinator will be responsible to assist the consumers in empowering themselves in order to move the Center into a consumer driven model. The Coordinator will provide assistance, direction, and supervision to the consumers in the planning and implementation of all activities which sole purpose is to prevent inpatient or emergency care.

This position requires Act 34 Clearance and a minimum of a High School Diploma and at least one year of experience working directly with consumers. Specific duties would include but would not be limited to the following: Planning, Implementation, Fund Raising, and Supervision.

The Coordinator will be responsible for contacting all referrals, opening and closing files, obtaining authorizations, preparing monthly statistics, scheduling staff hours, scheduling staff training, developing quarterly surveys, providing van maintenance, and demonstrate efficient work methods. The Coordinator will be available to any/all consumers who are in need of guidance, always referring consumers to the appropriate person or agency, in addition to other duties.

This job posting can be found at www.cwds.state.pa.us.

...

A long or short-term job opportunity is available for a student interested in the coffee house business. The Howling Dog Gallery Cafe in Oil City is hiring.

The café is located in downtown Oil City at 219 Seneca Street. Flexible hours, from 10 to 30 hours a week, are available. The pay is minimum wage plus tips. Good people skills, self starting and a positive attitude are a must. If interested, call 677-2490, stop by between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., or email resume to s.jrwhipple@clarion.edu.

...

Bear Creek Camp and Conference Center offers 10 weeks of employment at their facility as day camp team leaders with various specialties. Applications are located in the Career Center (room 228 Montgomery Hall). These applications are very extensive so allow plenty of time to complete the entire package.

For more information, you may call Bear Creek Camp at 570-472-3741 or e-mail youth@bearcreekcamp.org.

...

A Student Assistant(s) in the Continuing Education and Admissions Department is needed. Applicants for Continuing Education should be available for the following time periods: Summer 2009, Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 terms. Applicants for the Admissions Department should be available for Summer 2009. Students may apply to one or both offices. There are 10 hours per week available in each office. Students applying for the Continuing Education position will help with multiple projects during the year which require some

lifting and moving of classroom supplies.

Students should be: highly responsible; detail-oriented; strong communication skills (written and verbal); strong reading comprehension skills; customer service oriented with good phone etiquette; ability to pay attention to close detail for sustained periods of time; strong organizational skills; ability to meet deadlines; ability to manage multiple priorities; familiarity with Microsoft WORD and EXCEL programs; assist with registration of new students in certificate programs; maintain confidentiality of records; manage, update, and backup electronic files as directed; photocopy as needed; write notes or correspondence as needed/directed; and other related duties as assigned.

Drop off your résumé with a completed astudent application form at the Admissions Office and/or Continuing Education Office located in Frame Hall.

...

Career Services just received employment materials from the Census Bureau and it is in the distribution box next to room 228 in Montgomery Hall (Career Center) for your review. Information is self explanatory, so take a pamphlet and apply as detailed in that material.

...

For more information about these positions or for resume preparation assistance, contact Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at mconrad@clarion.edu, or 676-6591, extension 1373.

E-mail the Venango Voice with your ideas at voice@clarion.edu!

State

Pa. governor calls for 'full-scale' school mergers

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Gov. Ed Rendell says having fewer school districts in Pennsylvania will ease the burden of local education costs on people who pay property taxes.

Rendell said Wednesday he wants a legislative commission to study the best way to consolidate the state's 500

school districts. Rendell says he'd like Pennsylvania to have no more than 100 public school systems.

Rendell says having fewer school districts would spread the local share of school costs over a wider range of property owners.

But Tim Allwein of the Pennsyl-

vania School Boards Association says his group hasn't found evidence that school district mergers save substantial amounts of money.

The last major state-ordered consolidation of Pennsylvania school districts occurred in the 1960s, when the state had more than 2,000 districts.

National

US auto sales in reverse, plunge to 26-year low

DETROIT (AP) — Automakers started 2009 in reverse.

Consumers frightened by the prospect of losing their jobs stayed away from auto showrooms again in January and sent U.S. car and truck sales falling 37 percent, a familiar refrain for the struggling industry but an unwelcome start to a critical year for U.S. carmakers.

Devastated by an economy in which few people have the spare cash to buy a car or can obtain the financing to do it, Chrysler's domestic sales for January were less than half what they were a year earlier.

Sales fell 49 percent at General Motors and 40 percent at Ford. Toyota and Nissan's sales each fell at least 30 percent.

"How many ways can you say disaster?" asked Aaron Bragman, an auto industry analyst with the consulting firm IHS Global Insight in Troy, Mich. "That's across the board. It's not unique to one company."

With January's drop, the industry's sales have declined for 15 straight months when compared with the same month in the previous year. There hasn't been a year-over-year increase since October 2007, when light vehicle sales rose a paltry 1 percent, according to Autodata Corp. and Ward's AutoInfoBank.

The industry's sales of 656,976

vehicles, compared with just over a million in January 2008, translates to a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 9.57 million, according to Autodata. That's the worst performance since June 1982, when the nation was mired in a recession.

Huge declines in low-profit fleet sales to rental car companies made January an exceptionally bad month, even though automakers said they were encouraged that retail sales appeared to be stabilizing after four straight months with an industrywide sales plunge of at least 30 percent.

"If you're starting from an extremely low point, pretty much anywhere you go is up," said Bragman, whose company has predicted annual sales for this year of 10.3 million, down from last year's 13.2 million and 16.1 million in 2007.

But executives anticipated a treacherous beginning of 2009 before the market improves.

George Pipas, Ford Motor Co.'s top sales analyst, wasn't sure whether 15 months of industrywide sales declines is a record, but if it is, it won't last long.

"I can tell you that it's only going to last for one month," Pipas said, predicting year-over-year declines until perhaps later in the year. Then, he said, with only a small increase, sales should surpass the dismal levels seen at the end of 2008.

U.S. automakers will need sales to improve if they want their turnaround

plans to be successful. After receiving \$13.4 billion in federal loans to stay afloat, General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC have said they are basing their plans on industrywide sales this year of 10.5 million and 11.1 million vehicles, respectively.

But few people were expecting the automakers to start 2009 at such a pace. January is typically a slow sales month, and the market isn't likely to improve until the second half of 2009 as economic stimulus efforts take effect and access to credit improves.

The hefty incentives automakers have rolled out have done little to boost sales.

Chrysler has been offering employee pricing, zero-percent financing and up to \$6,000 in rebates on its vehicles, and GM said it will launch another zero-percent financing with the help of the \$5 billion in federal aid its financing arm, GMAC, received late last year.

The biggest dent last month was in fleet sales — big volume sales to rental car companies and municipalities — which fell sharply in January as production slowed or was shut down at many U.S. auto plants for most of the month.

GM said its fleet sales fell 80 percent to just over 13,000 vehicles in

See NATIONAL on page 5

World

Injured man dies after rejection by 14 hospitals

TOKYO (AP) — A 69-year-old Japanese man injured in a traffic accident died after paramedics spent more than an hour negotiating with 14 hospitals before one admitted him, a fire department official said Wednesday.

The man, whose bicycle collided with a motorcycle in the western city of Itami, waited at the scene in an ambulance because the hospitals said they could not accept him, citing a lack of specialists, equipment, beds and staff, according to Mitsuhiro Ikemoto. One of the 14 finally admitted the man when the paramedics called it for a second time.

It was the latest in a string of recent cases in Japan in which pa-

tients were denied treatment, underscoring the country's health care woes that include a shortage of doctors.

The man, who suffered head and back injuries, initially showed stable vital signs, but his condition gradually deteriorated. He died from hemorrhagic shock about an hour and half after arriving at the hospital, Ikemoto said. Hemorrhagic shock occurs when cells do not receive enough oxygen and nutrients to function.

Ikemoto said the victim might have survived if a hospital accepted him more quickly. "I wish hospitals are more willing to take patients, but they have their own reasons, too," he said.

The death prompted the city to issue a directive ordering paramedics to

better coordinate with an emergency call center so patients can find a hospital within 15 minutes. But hospitals still cannot be punished for turning away patients if they are already full.

The motorcyclist involved in the Jan. 20 accident was hurt too and was also denied medical care by two hospitals before one accepted him, Ikemoto said. He was recovering from his injuries.

More than 14,000 emergency patients were rejected at least three times by Japanese hospitals before getting treatment in 2007, according to the latest government survey. In the worst case, a woman in her 70s with a breathing problem was rejected 49 times in Tokyo.

NATIONAL: Chrysler's Jan. sales fell 81 percent

Continued from page 4

January, marking their lowest sales level since 1975.

"The overall fleet business, rental car companies are holding their inventory, probably double to triple what they were a couple years ago in terms of their turn rates," said Mark LaNeve, GM's North America vice president of sales, services and marketing. "There is a definite lack of demand."

Chrysler said its January fleet sales fell 81 percent from year-ago levels.

Ford said fleet sales fell 65 percent, but the decline in the automaker's retail sales had stabilized.

"What we're looking for is stabilization. You have to stop falling before you can start rising," said Emily Kolinski Morris, Ford's top economist.

Chrysler attributed part of its 66

percent drop in car sales and 49 percent decline in truck sales to a shortage of affordable credit for its customers, noting that the \$1.5 billion federal loan for its financing arm wasn't received until the second half of the month.

One of the few large automakers to post a sales increase was South Korea's Hyundai Motor Co., which posted a 14 percent gain. Hyundai credited its offer that covers a new vehicle's depreciation for customers who want to return a car because they lost their job.

"This program gets to the root cause of today's economic concerns — fear of job loss," Hyundai regional general manager Peter DiPersia said in a statement.

Subaru posted an 8 percent sales increase from a year earlier, its second-straight month of sales gains.

Toyota Motor Corp.'s sales divided 32 percent for the month, as sales of its Prius hybrid slid 29 percent.

Nissan Motor Co.'s sales dropped

30 percent.

Honda Motor Co.'s sales fell 28 percent, but the Japanese automaker saw a 6 percent increase in sales of its Fit subcompact, and sales of the updated Acura TSX sports sedan rose 16 percent.

Ford shares rose 8 cents, or 4.3 percent, to \$1.96 Tuesday, while GM shares fell 4 cents to \$2.83. Toyota's U.S. shares rose \$1.71, or 2.7 percent, to \$65.59, and Honda's shares climbed 69 cents, or 3 percent, to \$23.41.

The Associated Press reports unadjusted auto sales figures, calculating the percentage change in the total number of vehicles sold in one month compared with the same month a year earlier. Some automakers report percentages adjusted for sales days.

There were 26 sales days last month, one more than in January 2008.

See Marla Harp if you're experiencing SADness

By Marla Harp

Venango Campus Counselor

Are you experiencing S.A.D.ness?

Feeling cooped up? Do you have cabin fever? Are you finding yourself eating or sleeping more? These are all normal reactions to the change in seasons and with this years winter it seems like it will never end. However, some of us experience what is known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). There is a clear onset of depressive symptoms related directly to the change in the seasons beginning in the fall. SAD can also be triggered in the spring/summer.

Symptoms of Fall and Winter SAD

(winter depression) include the following: depression, hopelessness, anxiety, loss of energy, social withdrawal, oversleeping, loss of interest in activities you once enjoyed, appetite changes (especially craving foods high in carbohydrates), weight gain, and difficulty concentrating and processing information. Symptoms of Spring and Summer SAD (summer depression) include the following: anxiety, insomnia, irritability, agitation, weight loss, poor appetite, and increased sex drive.

If you think you or someone you know is experiencing SAD, seek professional assistance. Help is available for

alleviating the depressive symptoms. Recommended solutions for winter SAD are light therapy, medications or psychotherapy. It is important to seek assistance with your symptoms when you feel down for days at a time, experience changes in sleep or appetite, and begin to feel hopeless, suicidal, or feel like turning to alcohol/drugs to cope.

For more information or assistance, please feel free to contact me, Marla Harp, Counselor. I am located at 234 Montgomery Hall Mondays and Wednesdays. My extension is 1281.

NW PA AHEC to hold 5th annual health career camps

The Northwest PA Area Health Education Center (NW PA AHEC) is now accepting applications for its fifth annual health career camps which will be held at Clarion University-Venango Campus, as well as Thiel College this summer.

The camps will allow students to work alongside area health professionals doing hands-on activities and participating in a job shadowing experience. The camps will be held June 15-19, 2009 at Clarion University-Venango Campus, and June 22-26 at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa. Students are given the opportunity to select which week works best for them.

Students currently in grades 9-11 from Butler, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Venango, and Warren County are invited to apply. Camp applications can be obtained from their high school guidance counselor or students can download an application online at www.nwpaahcec.org. Applications are due at the NW PA AHEC office by April 17.

The camps are a collaborative effort between the Northwest Healthcare Industry Partnership, NW PA AHEC,

Clarion University-Venango Campus, Thiel College, UPMC Northwest and UPMC Horizon.

During the camps, students will be able to learn from practicing health professionals in the region and about the specific health professions that have the greatest demand for qualified workers. Camp faculty will discuss with the students the importance of cultural sensitivity in health care and some of the situations health care personnel encounter. Through the use of teamwork, students work on a clinical case study to determine all of the health careers involved with that particular scenario. Students are also enlightened about diversity and the need to eliminate disparities in health care for all populations.

Students will be exposed to approximately 12 different health careers with hands-on training over the course of the week. They will also be given a job shadowing experience at the local hospital.

In addition, both Clarion University and Thiel College admissions staff will teach students and parents how to prepare and apply for college or other advanced education. The week will culminate in a "Grand Rounds" presentation of case studies done by the students dur-

ing the week.

The camps are free of charge to students. All speakers from Clarion University, Thiel College, and the surrounding health care agencies are generously donating their time and talents to the camps.

"We want to reach students early to provide them with career choices before their minds are set. The career camp will allow them a wide variety of experience that will be fun and informational," said Jane Mullinax, M.Ed., and Camp Director. "Our goal is to create a health professions pipeline that will help the region in its efforts to eliminate disparities in health care."

The AHEC is a nationwide health care workforce development, recruitment and retention agency funded partially by the State and Federal governments. As part of its mission, the AHEC encourages youth to enter health careers and practice health services in rural and underserved communities throughout the region.

For more information on the camps and other NW PA AHEC programs, please visit www.nwpaahcec.org.

Phi Theta Kappa offers a reminder of events

Phi Theta Kappa will be helping at the Oil City Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4. If you would like to come along and help at this fun event, please email Lori Secor at s_lasecor@clarion.edu immediately.

As a reminder, the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be here

before you know it! Please turn in the gift cards your group is donating for the Chinese Auction as soon as possible to give Phi Theta Kappa ample time to prepare for the event. Thank you for your donations.

Save a life. Donate blood. Join PTK in Rhoades Auditorium. Thursday,

February 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and make a difference in someone's life. Sign-up sheets are available in Rhoades Center, the Nursing office, the Administrative Office, or email Beth at s_edaustin@clarion.edu. Ask your families and co-workers to participate as well; this is not just for students.

Be sure to follow the parking policy on campus

The Clarion University-Venango Campus administration is asking for the assistance of all students, faculty, and staff.

Because of the class schedule for the 2009 spring semester, the parking lots are full on Thursdays. The huge snow accumulation has also reduced the parking areas. Please park carefully, using only one parking space.

If you are able to car-pool with others, please do.

If you park on campus, you must have a permit. Students, please park only in the spaces designated only for students, not in faculty and staff parking places. Do not use the visitors or handicapped spaces without appropriate permits. Do not park in unauthorized areas or non-parking areas. Do not

block stairway entrances, garage doors, dumpsters, or other walkways.

Venango Campus administration offers a big thank you for any help you can give on Thursdays and every day to help reduce the parking congestion this semester.

For questions about campus parking or parking permits, contact the administrative office at 676-6591.

EVENTS: Pizza with the Dean slated for Feb. 11

Continued from page 1

Apartment Complex. Here, students can learn about foods that will actually help the brain function and think better.

Nathan Duprey will perform on Tuesday, February 10, as a part of the Spring Coffee House Series. Hailing from Brooklyn, Duprey's lyrical mastery and captivating musicianship create a memorable evening for any fan of original indie music with an edge.

Namoli Brennet will perform Wednesday, February 11, at 7 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

Transgender folk artist and frequent speaker Namoli Brennet will

discuss her journey through gender identity and the roles that gender play in contemporary society.

Pizza with the Dean will be held on Wednesday, February 11, from 4-6 p.m., at Rhoades Center. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to enjoy a slice of pizza as you discuss any campus issues or concerns you may have with Venango Campus Executive Dean Dr. Chris Reber.

Pizza with the Dean is sponsored by the Venango Campus Student Senate.

Jim Donovan and Eli Kihonia will present "Rhythm, Race and the Transformation of Fear" on Thursday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the Rhoades Auditorium.

Award-winning facilitator and multi-platinum recording artist Jim

Donovan and master musician Elie Kihonia join together to perform a powerfully interactive diversity program, using the universal language of music, dance, and story.

Phi Theta Kappa will host a blood drive on Thursday, February 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Rhoades Gymnasium.

Sign-up sheets for the blood drive are available at Rhoades Center information desk, the administrative office in Frame Hall, and the Nursing Office in Montgomery Hall.

For more information, email Beth Austin at s_edaustin@clarion.edu

The Core Ensemble will present

See EVENTS on page 8

Charlie Whipple is featured artist for spring 2009

Charlie Whipple's artwork will be displayed in the Rhoades Student Center for the spring 2009 semester. A reception for the artist was held last week.

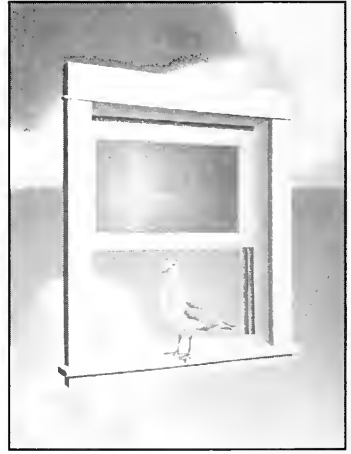
Whipple spent over 30 years on the seas surrounding Alaska and the West

Coast before transitioning to a career in painting. Most of the paintings on display at Venango Campus are for sale for \$45 and up. You can also see many of Whipple's paintings at his café in Oil City.

Whipple owns The Howling Dog

Gallery Café on Seneca Street. The café serves a wide variety of coffee, espresso drinks, and teas, all of which can be hot or cold.

The café also sells homemade cookies, scones, soups, and sandwiches.



In the photo at the left, Charlie Whipple stands at the counter of the Howling Dog Gallery Café in Oil City, surrounded by many of his paintings. At right, one of Whipple's paintings that is featured in Rhoades Center is shown.



*Words of
Wisdom*

*'Of all the things you
wear, your expression is
the most important.'*

EVENTS: Body camp class moved

Continued from page 7

"Ain't I a Woman" on Friday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

"Ain't I a Woman" is a chamber music theatre work that celebrates the lives and time of four powerful African-American women: Zora Neale Hurston, Sojourner Truth, Clementine Hunter, and Fannie Lou Hamer.

...

The Credit/No Record option is available through Friday, February 13.

Credit/No Record Forms (which

require an advisor's signature) are available in the Academic Department Offices, the Office of the Registrar, 122 Carrier and the Administrative Office, Frame Hall, Venango Campus. Forms must be processed in the Office of the Registrar by 4 p.m. Friday, February 13. Venango Campus students may return their forms to the Administrative Office, Frame Hall.

The requirements for the Credit/No Record Option are available on the Registrar's web page. Go to www.clarion.edu, click on Quick

See EVENTS on page 10

Wear Red Day is February 12 at Venango Campus

Clarion University-Venango Campus will join the American Heart Association's fight against heart disease on Thursday, February 12, by holding Wear Red Day. Everyone is encouraged to participate by wearing red to work or school and donating \$5 to help the AHA raise awareness of cardiovascular disease and empower everyone to reduce our risk.

Venango Campus is proud to be joining the AHA and concerned companies and organizations across America in the fight against the number one killer of women – as well as of men.

Wear Red Day is a chance for us to arm ourselves with knowledge about this devastating disease and to raise funds that will help the AHA advance its research and education efforts.

Learn more about the national cause to increase awareness and help women reduce their risk of heart disease at GoRedForWomen.org.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with sign-up or special events, please call Ginny Seybold at extension 1264.

Thank you in advance for supporting this lifesaving program!

FILMS: Nicole Kidman stars in one of the films

Continued from page 1

1930s, when Jim Crow laws were common and lynch mobs were a pervasive fear for blacks. In the movie, the Wiley team eventually succeeds to the point where they are able to debate Harvard University.

"Margot at the Wedding", rated R, will be shown Saturday, March 14.

Margot (Nicole Kidman) is a successful but neurotic writer who brings her 11-year-old son Claude (Zane Pais) to spend a weekend visiting her free-spirited sister Pauline (Jennifer Jason Leigh) on the eve of her wedding to Malcolm (Jack Black). Margot disapproves of Pauline's choice of fiancé, which causes tension between the two sisters. In short order, the storm the sisters create leaves behind a mess of thrashed relationships and exposed family secrets.

"Memento", rated R, will be shown Saturday, March 21.

"Memento" chronicles two separate stories of Leonard, an ex-insurance investigator who can no longer build new memories, as he attempts to find the murderer of his wife, which is the

last thing he remembers. One story line moves forward in time while the other tells the story backwards revealing more each time. A memory inside a memory, "Memento" is a complicated head spinning adventure.

"The Wind that Shakes the Barley" will be shown Saturday, March 28.

Winner of the PALME D'OR at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival, "The Wind that Shakes the Barley" is a sympathetic look at Republicans in early 20th century Ireland, and two brothers who are torn apart by anti-British rebellion.

"Cashback", rated R, will be shown Saturday, April 4.

When art student Ben Willis loses his girlfriend, he develops insomnia. To pass the long hours of the night, he starts working the late night shift at the local supermarket. There he meets a colorful cast of characters, all of whom have their own "art" in dealing with the boredom of an eight-hour-shift. Ben's art is that he imagines himself stopping time. This way, he can appreciate the beauty of the frozen world and the people inside it—especially Sharon, the quiet checkout girl, who perhaps holds the answer to solving the problem of Ben's insomnia.

"The Visitor", rated PG-13, will be shown Saturday, April 11.

In a world of six billion people, it only takes one to change your life. Sixty-two-year-old Walter Vale is sleepwalking through his life. Having lost his passion for teaching and writing, he finds his life changed unexpectedly when he returns from a trip to find two illegal aliens living in his New York apartment. Writer-director Thomas McCarthy has created a wonderfully measured story about change and renewal and put it all on the shoulders of Jenkins, a largely unheralded but masterful performer whose time for renown has surely come.

"Yesterday" will be shown Saturday, April 18.

After falling ill, Yesterday learns that she is HIV positive. With her husband in denial and young daughter to tend to, Yesterday's one goal is to live long enough to see her child go to school. The film realistically and sensitively portrays the plight of rural South Africans living with HIV or AIDS. The film is in Zulu with English subtitles.

EVENTS: "The Son (Le Fils)" slated for Feb. 14

Continued from page 8

Links (upper right corner), click on Registrar's Office, click on Students on the left side of the page.

...

The fourth film in the Spring 2009 Independent Film Series, "The Son (Le Fils)", will be shown Saturday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

The practice of work is central to *Le Fils (The Son)*, a deceptively complex movie about revenge and redemption. The film seems straightforward enough: Olivier, a carpenter, takes on a young man named Francis as an apprentice. Francis is newly released from juvenile detention, and Olivier slowly discovers that Francis played a part in the death of his son some years earlier. Francis is unaware of the connection he shares with Olivier, this asymmetrical relationship investigates the ideas of forgiveness and vindication... *The Son* is ultimately a Christian allegory of one man's inchoate desire to return good for evil. The film is in French with English subtitles.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

Body Camp Class will move to the YWCA on Central Street in Oil City for the next three weeks, or through Tuesday, February 17. The class meets from 2-3 p.m. Men are welcome to attend, but may not use the locker rooms at the YWCA.

Additionally, yoga classes will be moved to the Community Center in

the Student Apartment Complex for the next three weeks, or through Tuesday, February 17.

For more information, contact the office of Student Affairs at extension 1271.

...

Open Mic Night will be held Wednesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Center.

Come share your talent, including poetry, music, and other performance submissions.

For more information on guidelines and submissions, contact the Student Affairs office at extension 1269.

...

"The Great Debaters" will be featured Saturday, February 21, in the Independent Film Series. The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

The film, based on a true story, revolves around the efforts of debate coach Melvin B. Tolson (Denzel Washington) at historically black Wiley College to place his team on equal footing with whites in the American South during the 1930s, when Jim Crow laws were common and lynch mobs were a pervasive fear for blacks. In the movie, the Wiley team eventually succeeds to the point where they are able to debate Harvard University.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

March

"Margot at the Wedding" will be shown Saturday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium. The film is

shown in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Margot (Nicole Kidman) is a successful but neurotic writer who brings her 11-year-old son Claude (Zane Pais) to spend a weekend visiting her free-spirited sister Pauline (Jennifer Jason Leigh) on the eve of her wedding to Malcolm (Jack Black). Margot disapproves of Pauline's choice of fiancé, which causes tension between the two sisters. In short order, the storm the sisters create leaves behind a mess of thrashed relationships and exposed family secrets.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

Scholarships are available for Venango County residents. Applications for the following scholarships must be submitted by March 15.

Applications for the following scholarships are available in the Venango Admissions and Financial Aid Office.

The Frank and Clara Williams Scholarship and the Laura M. Smedley Scholarship are available to students.

For more information, contact Kay E. Enslie at extension 1277.

...

"Memento" will be shown Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA. 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA. 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR PAPER, YOUR VOICE

VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 17

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009

Open Mic Night slated for Feb. 18

Talented members of the community and students are invited to perform at an Open Mic Night in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at Clarion University—Venango Campus on Wednesday, February 18, at

7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Mitch Littler, local high school student and accomplished guitarist and singer, the evening encourages poets, musicians, and other performers.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about guidelines and submissions, contact the Venango Student Affairs office at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

Body Camp Class held at YWCA

February

Body Camp Class will move to the YWCA on Central Avenue in Oil City for the next three weeks, or through February 17. The class meets from 2-3 p.m. Men are welcome to attend, but may not use the locker rooms at the YWCA.

Additionally, yoga classes will be moved to the Community Center in the Student Apartment Complex for the next three weeks, or through Tuesday, February 17.

For more information, contact the office of Student Affairs at extension 1271.

...

An Open Mic Night will be held Wednesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m.,

at Rhoades Lounge. The event will be hosted by Mitch Littler.

Come share your talents with the world. Poetry, music, and other performance submissions are welcome.

For more information on guidelines and submissions, contact the Student Affairs office at extension 1269.

...

"The Great Debaters" will be featured Saturday, February 21, in the Independent Film Series. The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

The film, based on a true story, revolves around the efforts of debate coach Melvin B. Tolson (Denzel Washington) at historically black Wiley College to

place his team on equal footing with whites in the American South during the 1930s, when Jim Crow laws were common and lynch mobs were a pervasive fear for blacks. In the movie, the Wiley team eventually succeeds to the point where they are able to debate Harvard University.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

March

"Margot at the Wedding" will be shown Saturday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium.

See EVENTS on page 3

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

OPEN MIC NIGHT	1
EVENTS	1, 3
TRASH TALK	2
JOB OPENINGS	3
WORDS OF WISDOM	3
STATE NEWS	4
NATIONAL NEWS	4
WORLD NEWS	5
MARLA HARP	6

Take a second look at your flea, tick products



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

Continuing in the spirit of pets, something every friend to the four-legged furry creatures should be aware of is flea and tick products. Even when used as directed on the package, these products are poisonous for your pet, and harmful to people.

Some of the products you want to avoid completely include Adam's collars, the entire Evercide collection of products, Hartz collars,

sprays and powders, K9 Advantix, and all Sentry, Zodiac, and Sergeant's products. Among a ton of other products to avoid and use sparingly if around young children, these products contain many toxic, and, in some cases, are suspected as being carcinogenic chemicals.

Propoxur is toxic to the nervous system. Permethrin is likely to cause cancer and very toxic to cats. Pyrethrins, which is in almost all of these products, is also very toxic to cats, to the nervous system, linked to allergies and asthma, and a possible carcinogen. Tetrachlorvinphos is a suspected endocrine disruptor, and amitraz is a developmental toxin and a possible carcinogen. Those are some serious side effects to products that are 'safe when used correctly'.

Even herbal or natural products used to treat fleas can be harmful. Natural products that contain some

essential oils, such as citrus cinnamon, lavender, bay, and eucalyptus, should be used sparingly. They can cause allergic reactions in people, and severe reactions in animals. Avoid pennyroyal oil, as it can cause seizures, comas, and death in pets. Herbal or natural products that are safer? Those that contain cedar wood, lemongrass, peppermint, rosemary, and thyme are the safest.

Of course, chemicals are not necessary to keep your pet (and your ankles) happy. Four simple things can help keep your pet flea-free, or at the very least flea-minimal.

1. Comb your pet with a flea comb. Drown fleas caught in the comb in soapy water to kill them. Combing on a regular basis can help reduce fleas.

2. Give Fido a bath. Not only will he smell better, soap kills fleas.

3. Wash pet bedding in hot water once a week.

Fleas tend to accumulate there, and it helps prevent the spread of eggs and larvae.

4. Vacuum. Please. Really, that should be going on already, but vacuum furniture too. Immediately take the vacuum outside and remove the bag or empty the bin to keep them from escaping back into the house.

5. Throw some salt for good luck. Seriously! I know someone who used this method and got rid of a horrible infestation even after dangerous 'flea bombs' failed. Liberally sprinkle ordinary table salt all over the carpets, leave it sit, then vacuum it up and dispose of the bag. How long the salt should stay on the carpet is debatable. I've seen on a few websites to leave it as much as a week, but others say 18 hours is enough.

A full listing of flea and tick products is available at www.greenpaws.org. Log on and check out how your products rate.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center

Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Columnists

Lori Secor Marla Harp

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania - Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Mondays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Positions are still available for qualified candidates

A Student Assistant(s) in the Continuing Education and Admissions Department is needed. Applicants for Continuing Education should be available for the following time periods: Summer 2009, Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 terms. Applicants for the Admissions Department should be available for Summer 2009.

Students may apply to one or both offices. There are 10 hours per week available in each office.

Students applying for the Continuing Education position will help with multiple projects during the year which require some lifting and moving of classroom supplies.

Students should be: highly responsible; detail-oriented; strong communication skills, written and verbal; strong reading comprehension skills; customer service oriented with good phone etiquette; pay attention to close detail for sustained periods of time; strong organizational skills; ability to meet deadlines; ability to manage mul-

tiple priorities; familiarity with Microsoft WORD and EXCEL programs; assist with registration of new students in certificate programs; maintain confidentiality of records; manage, update, and backup electronic files as directed; photocopy as needed; write notes or correspondence as needed/directed; and other related duties as assigned.

Drop off your résumé with a completed a student application form at the Admissions Office and/or Continuing Education Office located in Frame Hall.

...

If you enjoy people and desire a good job in the immediate area, this Titusville employer offers an opportunity to use your education in a positive environment.

Salvage Direct is looking to fill a full time Customer Service Rep position in its Titusville office. Candidates must possess proficient computer skills, be customer oriented and possess strong multitasking skills. Automotive/salvage/insurance experience is a plus.

They offer competitive pay and a benefits package. Please send resumes with references to: Salvage Direct, Attn: Human Resources, P.O. Box 306, Titusville, PA 16354.

...

If you need a full time job and still want to attend classes during the day, then this second shift opportunity may be your answer.

A local company is in need of an experienced Shipping and Receiving clerk. The candidate must have a strong background in Microsoft Word and Excel. The candidate will be responsible for bills of lading as well as tracking shipments. This will be a second shift position (3 p.m. to 11p.m.).

...

For more information about any of these positions or for resume preparation assistance, contact Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at mconrad@clarion.edu or 676-6591, extension 1373.

...

EVENTS: "Memento" will be shown

Continued from page 1

rium. The film is shown in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Margot (Nicole Kidman) is a successful but neurotic writer who brings her 11-year-old son Claude (Zane Pais) to spend a weekend visiting her free-spirited sister Pauline (Jennifer Jason Leigh) on the eve of her wedding to Malcolm (Jack Black). Margot disapproves of Pauline's choice of fiancé, which causes tension between the two sisters. In short order, the storm the sisters create leaves behind a mess of thrashed relationships and exposed family secrets.

For more information about the In-

dependent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

"Memento" will be shown Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

Dr. Michael Galaty will present "Archaeological Evidence for the Origins of Affluence" on Monday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium."

*Words of
Wisdom*



*'The happiness of your
life depends on the
quality of your
thoughts.'*

State

Lawmakers look for ways to make Pa. schools safer

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) —

Some of the most serious crimes could ban someone for life from working in Pennsylvania's schools under a bill under consideration in the Legislature.

The Senate Education Committee on Wednesday also heard testimony about whether to force school employ-

ees to inform their school districts about any criminal conviction.

There's already a list of offenses that could trigger a five-year employment ban.

But a bill sponsored by Education Committee Chairman Jeff Piccola would expand the list of offenses that could trigger the ban and make it for

life.

He's also proposing a 10-year employment ban for those convicted of first- and second-degree misdemeanors.

Piccola also wants to give school administrators greater leeway to conduct a current criminal history record check.

National

Twisters kill 8 people in Oklahoma, others injured

LONE GROVE, Okla. (AP) — Emergency crews on Wednesday searched for more victims amid the wreckage of homes and businesses smashed by a cluster of tornadoes that killed at least eight people.

One young woman was lifted into the air as a tornado pulled the roof off a house, but her mother and others held her down.

Firefighters moved aside bricks and fallen walls as they sought to ensure there were no additional victims in Lone Grove, where all of the eight victims died Tuesday and 14 people were seriously injured, said Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman Michelann Ooten. Each building that had been searched was then marked with a large, spray-painted "X."

Rescuers found one woman injured but alive under an overturned mobile home.

Ooten said the National Guard was sent to help. "We will do everything we can to get Oklahomans the assistance they need," Gov. Brad Henry said.

Buildings were damaged or destroyed throughout the town of about 4,600, some 100 miles south of Oklahoma City, said Chester Agan, assistant emergency manager for Carter County.

The eight confirmed deaths included seven people in Lone Grove and a truck driver who was driving through the area, said Robert Deaton, interim chief investigator for state Medical Examiner's office.

Most of the deaths were in an area of mobile homes that was virtually wiped out, said Paul Sund, a spokesman for the governor.

"Some were outside, some were inside," said Cherokee Ballard, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office. Most of the deaths appeared to be blunt force trauma to the head, some apparently hit by flying objects, she said.

"One victim was found underneath a pickup truck the tornado had lifted and dropped on him," Ballard said.

There was no storm shelter near the mobile home park.

Part of the roof blew off the house where Lana Hartman crowded into a small clothes closet with her two daughters, three grandchildren and two friends. The twister lifted one of her daughters into the air, but everyone grabbed the girl, she said.

"We held onto each other and did a lot of praying," said Hartman's friend Carole McFarland.

"I was in shock, I think I still am," Hartman said. "We're alive, that's all that matters."

Hartman, who had just moved into

the rented house on Monday, said there wasn't much warning. "We heard the sirens blow and it was here," she said.

The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning, meaning a tornado is imminent and residents should take shelter, at 6:50 p.m. Another was issued at 7:15 p.m. when the tornado was spotted, and the twister hit Lone Grove 10 minutes later.

Tears rolled down the cheeks of Trina Quinton as she stood next to a pile of rubble that used to be a furniture store owned by a cousin.

"This is where I was raised, this is where I grew up," she said.

The furniture store was closed when the tornado struck and her cousin's family wasn't there. "This is how they make their living, rebuilding is probably not going to be an option," Quinton said.

Lone Grove resident Joe Hornback, 42, said he and his neighbors took shelter in the only cellar on their block. "There were 30 of us in a 6 by 6 underground cellar," he said.

Shirley Mose was not home when the tornado struck but returned Wednesday morning with members of her family and found her home destroyed and her pickup truck wrecked.

See NATIONAL on page 5

World

Millions of animals are dead in Australia fires

SYDNEY (AP) — Kangaroo corpses lay scattered by the roadsides while wombats that survived the wildfire's onslaught emerged from their underground burrows to find blackened earth and nothing to eat.

Wildlife rescue officials on Wednesday worked frantically to help the animals that made it through Australia's worst-ever wildfires but they said millions of animals likely perished in the inferno.

Scores of kangaroos have been found around roads, where they were overwhelmed by flames and smoke while attempting to flee, said Jon Rowdon, president of the rescue group Wildlife Victoria.

Kangaroos that survived are suffering from burned feet, a result of their territorial behavior. After escaping the initial flames, the creatures — which prefer to stay in one area — likely circled back to their homes,

singing their feet on the smoldering ground.

"It's just horrific," said Neil Morgan, president of the Statewide Wildlife Rescue Emergency Service in Victoria, the state where the raging fires were still burning.

"It's disaster all around for humans and animals as well."

Some wombats that hid in their burrows managed to survive the blazes, but those that are not rescued face a slow and certain death as they emerge to find their food supply gone, said Pat O'Brien, president of the Wildlife Protection Association of Australia.

The official human death toll stood at 181 from weekend's deadly fires and authorities said it would exceed 200. While the scope of the wildlife devastation was still unclear, it was likely to be enormous, Rowdon said.

"There's no doubt across that scale of landscape and given the intensity of

the fires, millions of animals would have been killed," he said.

Hundreds of burned, stressed and dehydrated animals — including kangaroos, koalas, lizards and birds — have already arrived at shelters across the scorched region.

Rescuers have doled out antibiotics, pain relievers and fluids to the critters in a bid to keep them comfortable, but some of the severely injured were euthanized to spare any more suffering.

"We've got a wallaby joey at the moment that has crispy fried ears because he stuck his head out of his mum's pouch and lost all his whiskers and cooked up his nose," Rowdon said. "They're the ones your hearts really go out to."

In some of the hardest-hit areas, rescuers used vaporizing tents to help creatures whose lungs were burned by the searing heat and smoke.

NATIONAL: Homes damaged in Oklahoma City

Continued from page 4

"I had a little Chihuahua that stayed in there," Mose said. "We found her bed, but not her. I guess she's gone."

A twister also damaged homes and businesses in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, but only three minor injuries were reported.

Another tornado was reported in north-central Oklahoma, six homes were destroyed near the Oklahoma City suburb of Edmond, and a separate tornado caused property damage but no injuries in Springfield, Mo.

The tornado in northwest Oklahoma City apparently developed near Wiley Post Airport and then headed northeast, damaging several shopping centers and restaurants at a major intersection.

That twister then hit the Boulder Ridge Apartments, a spread of two-story units surrounding a courtyard.

Shawn Tiesman, 33, moved to the complex from Iowa about four months ago and got his first taste of Oklahoma's notorious weather but without the same protection of his former home.

"Where I'm from, we've got basements," Tiesman said. "I'm amazed that there's no basements here."

He invited his upstairs neighbors into his apartment and then used his futon mattress to barricade them into a walk-in closet.

While they were in the closet, a large section of roof was blown off one of the complex's buildings and part of a wall was blown off another.

Tornado sirens were sounded in the area but some residents said they were still caught off guard.

"I can't believe we didn't hear it,"

said Traci Keil, 37.

Oklahoma Gas and Electric reported about 8,900 customers without power, nearly 3,500 in Lone Grove, according to its Web site.

Tornadoes in Oklahoma are most frequent in the spring, but can occur at any time, weather service meteorologist Rick Smith said.

Since 1950 the state has been struck by 44 February tornadoes, said weather service meteorologist Doug Speheger in Norman.

The most recent one before Tuesday's spurt occurred Feb. 25, 2000, damaging a barn and power lines in Ellis and Harper counties in western Oklahoma.

Outside Oklahoma, however, Speheger said an outbreak of twisters on Feb. 5, 2008, killed more than 50 people in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Consider suggestions for a healthy relationship

By Marla Harp

Venango Campus Counselor

Do not expect anyone to be responsible for your happiness. Accept yourself. Respect yourself. Love yourself first. Take good care of yourself. Love yourself, so pursue your true needs. Light up your true desires. Too often relationships fail because someone is unhappy and blames their partner for making them that way. Your life is ONLY under your control. Keep reminding yourself you are GOOD ENOUGH to have a happy life and a healthy relationship.

Make and keep clear agreements. Respect the difference between yourself and your partner. Don't expect he or she agrees with you on everything. Reach mutual agreements or plan, and then commit to it. Leave the partner if you can't reach any agreement or you find he or she always makes excuses for breaking the agreement or plan. Keeping agreements shows respect for yourself and your partner, as well as creating a sense of trust and safety.

Use communication to establish a common ground to understand different points of view and to create a mutual, collaborative agreement or plan. You can either choose to be right, or you can have a successful relationship. You can't always have both. Most people argue to be "right" about something. If you can't reach any mutual agreement, that doesn't mean either of you is wrong or bad, it only means you don't suit each other.

Approach your relationship as a learning experience. Each one has important information for you to learn. When a relationship is not working, there is usually a familiar way that we feel while in it. We are attracted to the

partner with whom we can learn the most, and sometimes the lesson is to let go of a relationship that no longer serves us.

Tell the unarguable truth. Be truthful to yourself and your partner if you want true love. Many people are taught to lie to protect someone's feelings, either their own or those of their partner. Lies create disconnection between you and your relationship, even if your partner never finds out about it.

Do not do anything for your partner if it comes with an expectation of reciprocity. The things you do for your partner must always be done because you chose to do them and you wanted to do them. Do not hold your "good deeds" over their head at a later time.

Forgive one another. Forgiveness is a decision of letting go of the past and focusing on the present. It's about taking control of your current situation. Talk about the issue and try to reach a mutual agreement on how to handle the situation in the future and then commit to it. Respect your partner, when your partner tells you to leave them alone, do give him or her the time and space.

Review your expectations. Try to be as clear as you can about any expectations - including acceptable and unacceptable behaviors and attitudes, especially attitudes towards money. Make sure you don't expect your partner to fulfill every need in your life. Everybody needs love, intimacy, affection, and affirmation, but your partner cannot alone give you all of that.

Be Responsible. Here's a new definition: Responsible means that you have the ability to respond. Respond to the real problem, to your true needs. It does *not* mean you are to blame. If you are unhappy in your relationship, get curious about why this situation seems similar to

others from your past, and how you might create a better relationship for yourself rather than dwell in anger or resentment or try to change your partner instead.

Appreciate yourself and your partner. In the midst of an argument, it can be difficult to find something to appreciate. Start by generating appreciation in moments of non-stress. One definition of appreciation is to be *sensitively aware* so you don't have to be sugar-coating anything.

Admit your mistakes and say sorry. Right after a misunderstanding or argument, tell your partner to give you some time to think of the wrong and right things that you and he/she did. Tell your partner to do the same thing and talk to them after 10-15 minutes. Tell your partner to give you time to talk and explain to them why you were angry, the wrong things you did, the things they did that you did not like and what you would like them to change. Ask your partner to do the same thing and give them a fair chance to talk and explain also.

Spend some quality time together- No matter how busy you two are, there is always an excitement when you do something together, when you share your precious time. You will feel the magic of love and connection that you have with each other.

If you would like further information or need assistance, please feel free to contact me, Marla Harp, Counselor, at extension 1281, 234 Montgomery Hall. This information was obtained from <http://www.wikihow.com/Have-a-Healthy-Relationship>.

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA. 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and



VENANGO VOICE

VOLUME 41, ISSUE 18

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Reiser named to nursing position

Dr. Lorraine M. Reiser has been named to a new tenure-track associate professor of nursing position in Clarion University's Master of Science in Nursing program offered through the School of Nursing and Allied Health, which is housed at the Venango Campus. Dr. Reiser will be based at the program's Pittsburgh site at West Penn Hospital.

According to Dr. Kathleen Patterson, director of the School, "Dr. Reiser is an excellent asset to the nursing faculty. She is a doctorally-prepared nurse practitioner who comes to her position with an active research and scholarship background, including numerous paper and podium presentations, and is a well-respected member of a

number of professional organizations."

Dr. Reiser most recently served as director of graduate nursing programs at Carlow University, where she taught since 1999 and served as coordinator of the nurse practitioner program.

Dr. Reiser earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Pennsylvania State University, a bachelor's degree in nursing from Albright College, and a master's degree in nursing education from Villanova University. She also did post-master's study in the nurse practitioner program at Carlow College prior to her employment there. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Reiser was recognized by the Nightingale



Dr. Lorraine Reiser

Society at Albright College, where she was also a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing, and received the Senior Leadership Award. While at Villanova University, she received the Joan E. Large Award for Scholarship in Graduate Studies.

Dr. Reiser has been widely published in professional journals, including

See REISER on page 6

Yoga held in fitness center on Thu.

February

Body Camp Class will move to the YWCA on Central Avenue in Oil City through Tuesday, February 24. The class meets from 2-3 p.m. Men are welcome to attend, but may not use the

locker rooms at the YWCA.

Additionally, yoga classes will be moved to the Fitness Center through Thursday, February 26.

For more information, contact the office of Student Affairs at extension 1271.

March

"Margot at the Wedding" will be shown Saturday, March 14, at 7:30

See EVENTS on page 7

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

NEW FACULTY	1
EVENTS	1-8
TRASH TALK	2
JOB OPENINGS	3
STATE NEWS	4
NATIONAL NEWS	4
WORLD NEWS	5
THANKS	6
FACULTY CANDIDATES	6
BRIEFS	7
WORDS OF WISDOM	7
NOW YA KNOW	7

Lori Secor takes a shot at curing the hangover



TRASH TALK

BY
LORI SECOR

We're on the verge of Spring Break (and not a moment too soon), so I couldn't imagine a better time to throw this article at you. I came across a very interesting read on webmd.com while searching for a proven hangover cure. We don't need to go into why I was looking for it in the first place, but the article was really informative... and a little disappointing.

A hangover is basically

your body revolting to being poisoned with too much alcohol. Alcohol messes with the chemicals in your brain, and after all the fun is over you pay the price of the imbalance with that pounding headache, cotton mouth, fatigue, a weakened immune system, and the queasy stomach that keeps you sitting on the bathroom floor because if you move... well, you know.

If you are like me, you go out with the best of intentions. "I'll only have a couple, and then just soda or water." Before you know it, after a couple hours on the dance floor, you're hot and thirsty. Your friends go for drinks and instead of just coke, you end up with a coke and cherry vodka.

So now that your good intentions are shot, pardon the pun, how are you going to handle that hangover?

First thing, don't take Tylenol or Advil before you go to bed. It really doesn't help. They peak in about

three or four hours, so by the time you wake up the effect is long gone. Plus, alcohol disrupts how the liver processes it anyway. Just assume enough damage was done to your liver with the alcohol and skip the medicine.

AM cocktail? I know a few people who swear if you have a shot of whatever it was you were drinking the night before, it'll get rid of a hangover.

According to WebMD, this is definitely not the way to go. The full effect of a hangover hits you when your blood alcohol level hits zero... so it's only delaying the inevitable.

I have to mention here that if you really HAVE to have that morning drink, you may want to seek out an AA meeting.

My personal favorite once the queasiness subsides... coffee. I just can't catch a break here. Turns out coffee only leads to

more dehydration and can actually make the hangover worse! Water and sports drinks are best... especially if you spent some time 'praying to the porcelain God'.

Finally, hangover pills. There are various herbal remedies out there for this, but I wouldn't recommend using them unless you know what's really in there... and good luck with that. There is nothing compelling in the studies that prove if they work or not. 'Prickly Pear Cactus' was found to help dry mouth and nausea, but not the headache.

So I suppose until a very clever chemist comes up with a super pill for those of us who tend to over-do things, we'll just have to pay the price.

I'll just give you these words to remember when you are out over spring break: After your sixth drink, do not look at yourself in the mirror. It will shake your confidence.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhodes Center
Clarion University - Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Columnists

Lori Secor Marla Harp

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania - Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Mondays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Tuesdays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Consider the following open positions and internships

A paralegal/legal assistant is needed for a family law attorney/law firm in Franklin. The applicant must have previous legal office experience. Computer and transcription experience is required. If you can maintain your composure while working for a perfectionist, meet urgent deadlines, and juggle multiple projects, please apply. The full time position requires hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact CareerLink at 814-678-5067 to have your resume e-mailed to the employer.

...

Anyone interested in employment through AmeriCorps (SMILES)? Anyone interested in earning an Educational Award through AmeriCorps (SMILES)? Do you have dependable transportation? Would you be willing to drive to various employment locations in the Oil City area for a tutoring or service learning position at a community/service organization? Do you love children and people and truly want to make a difference?

Eligible candidates would be required to work a minimum of 450 hours from now through June 30, 2009. Eligible candidates would earn \$7.15 per hour, plus, once the 450 hours of employment are completed and documented, an additional \$1,250 tuition voucher (Ed Award) would be awarded to be used against a CUP student account.

Due to the fact these are federal

work-study positions, students must have a current FAFSA on file to determine federal work-study eligibility.

All interested parties please contact Linda Defibaugh, ldefibaugh@clarion.edu, or stop by the Admissions Office in Frame for an application. Once applications are received, they will be sent to the Financial Aid Office for eligibility, then, if eligible, students will be contacted at the phone number listed on the application.

...

The Oil Region Job Fair will be held Thursday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Cranberry Mall at Routes 322 and 257.

For more information, contact the Oil Region CareerLink at 678-5050, or visit www.cwds.state.pa.us.

...

The Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry & Tourism (a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Oil City) offers customized internships and practicum opportunities to graduate and undergraduate students interested in tackling worthwhile real-life projects as part of this strategic rural economic development endeavor. Build your resume while making a positive difference!

The Alliance administers the Oil Region National Heritage Area; its boundaries include Venango County plus the Titusville area in eastern Crawford County, in northwestern Pennsylvania. Intern projects vary greatly; all majors are welcome. Each internship is designed in cooperation with the poten-

tial interns and their educational institutions. Here are some examples: historical research; grant closeout reports; building preservation; historical interpretation; writing interpretive panels; nominations for markers; landscaping historic sites; writing book reviews; special events assistance; on-site surveys; developing curriculum materials; cultural coordination; translating into other languages; educational activities; Oil 150 product sales and deliveries; and artifact inventories.

Each internship is structured for one semester or shorter, in accordance with the student's institution's criteria. The intern is directly supervised by staff in the Alliance's Heritage Development Department, sometimes with additional guidance by Board members.

A subsidy is available to those interns who will be involved at least 100 hours; compensation is 50 cents over the current federal minimum wage, paid every two weeks.

Please make complete internship arrangements ahead of time, so you can select or design projects that blend your academic requirements and areas of interest. Contact Mrs. Marilyn Black at the Oil Region Alliance; (800) 483-6264, Ext. 105; mblack@oilregion.org.

...

For more information about these positions or resume preparation assistance, contact Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at mconrad@clarion.edu, or extension 1373.

EMAIL THE VENANGO VOICE! [VVOICE@CLARION.EDU](mailto:vvoice@clarion.edu)

State

Pittsburgh mayor puts his name on 250 trash cans

PITTSBURGH (AP) — When Pittsburgh residents think of trash, the city's mayor wants them to think of him.

With the May primary looming, Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's administration is spending more than \$250,000 to buy 250 new trash cans — all with

his name on them.

The new cans will be placed in 30 neighborhoods as part of a program which aims to help revitalize neighborhoods.

The mayor's head of neighborhood programs defends putting his name on trash cans.

Kim Graziani says Mayor Ravenstahl wants people to know his administration is responsive to their needs.

Besides, mayor-branded trash cans are practically a civic tradition. Three former mayors also put their names on waste receptacles.

National

Hundreds of television stations cut analog signals

NEW YORK (AP) — About a quarter of the nation's TV stations cut off their analog signals Tuesday, causing sets to go dark in households that were not prepared for digital television despite two years of warnings about the transition.

Though most viewers were ready — and people with cable or satellite service were unaffected — some stations and call centers reported a steady stream of questions from frustrated callers. Many wondered how to get coupons for converter boxes that translate digital signals for older TVs — or how to get the devices working.

"It's kind of an irritation, but I understand that everyone will have a much better picture. As far as I was concerned, they could have left things the way they were," said Dorothy Deleard, 67, of Minneapolis, who bought a converter box because a friend gave her a coupon that expires Tuesday.

Phones were ringing off the hook at a walk-in information center set up by stations in Providence, R.I.

A volunteer at the center, Jeremy Taylor, said he tried to calm agitated callers and explain the reasons for the disappearance of analog signals, which have remained largely unchanged since the 1950s.

"I try to explain that the digital

switch is not something we're doing to extort them of money," Taylor said.

The federal government mandated the end of analog broadcasts to make room on those frequencies for wireless Internet service, emergency radio traffic and other uses. Digital TV broadcasts, which began several years ago, take up much less of the wireless spectrum.

Originally, all U.S. stations were to cut their analog signals on Tuesday, but at the urging of the Obama administration, Congress voted this month to give broadcasters more time.

Most stations, particularly those in big cities, accepted the offer to wait until June 12. Others wanted to stick to Feb. 17, a date they had spent much airtime advertising. Many of them had also booked engineering work on their antennas for that day.

The Federal Communications Commission, which wanted to ensure that no one would be entirely deprived of analog signals, cleared 421 stations to go all-digital this week. Another 220 stations have already made the switch, including all stations in Hawaii.

The most populous places where many or all major-network stations are cutting analog this week include San Diego and Santa Barbara, Calif.; La Crosse and Madison, Wis.; Rockford and Peoria, Ill.; Sioux City, Iowa; Waco, Texas; Macon, Ga.; Scranton, Pa.;

Rhode Island and Vermont.

In most cases, one station in each of those markets will continue sending analog signals until June or will offer a so-called "analog nightlight" for a few months, with limited local news and emergency broadcasts, as well as information about the digital TV transition.

The back-and-forth over the cutoff date threw both TV stations and viewers for a loop.

Jeff Long, manager of WHKY-TV, an independent station in Hickory, N.C., said the company's analog shutdown went smoothly on Saturday, but some viewers complained that they thought it had been postponed until June 12.

RadioShack Corp. circulars in newspapers this weekend had the opposite message, saying Feb. 17 was still the date for the end of analog TV. Spokeswoman Mary Delagarza said the fliers had been prepared two months in advance and could not be pulled.

Congress delayed the cutoff in large part because the fund that pays for \$40 converter-box coupons had reached its spending limit. Coupons are now being issued only as fast as old ones expire unused.

See NATIONAL on page 5

World

US general visits Afghan bomb site for death claim

KABUL (AP) — A U.S. general traveled to western Afghanistan on Wednesday to investigate claims that six women and two children were killed in a U.S. airstrike, officials said. Photographs of the site showed at least one dead boy, bloodied and dirty from the attack.

Civilian deaths have been a huge source of friction between the U.S. and President Hamid Karzai, who has increased demands that American troops avoid killing civilians.

Karzai's office announced Wednesday that he had spoken on the phone with President Barack Obama for the first time Tuesday, four weeks after Obama's inauguration. Karzai had acknowledged last week that the two presidents had not spoken and said there was tension in the U.S.-Afghan relationship, mostly over civilian casualties.

The Afghan Ministry of Defense condemned the deaths of civilians in Monday's airstrike and said it came despite a recent U.S.-Afghan agree-

ment to increase participation of Afghan forces in U.S. missions, a step aimed at preventing civilian casualties.

The U.S. coalition said in a statement that the strike Monday in the Gozara district of Herat province killed 15 militants and targeted a leader named Ghulam Yahya Akbari.

But Ekremuddin Yawar, a police commander for western Afghanistan, said six women and two children were among the dead, along with five men. He said the group was living in tents in the remote Afghan countryside.

Photographs obtained by The Associated Press from the site show the body of a young boy — bloodied and dirtied — lying on a white shroud. Afghan men can be seen digging about a dozen fresh graves. Dead sheep and destroyed tents can also be seen.

In response to Yawar's allegation, U.S. Brig. Gen. Michael Ryan traveled to Gozara district on Wednesday to meet with officials "to see what the situation is," said Capt. Elizabeth Mathias, a U.S. military spokeswoman.

Coalition and Afghan troops have been at the site of the operation since Tuesday investigating, she said. The Afghan army also conducted a meeting, known as a shura, with local leaders over the issue.

For now, the U.S. is standing behind its information that 15 militants were killed, she said.

The Ministry of Defense said seven militants were killed in the attack, including three people it named as associates of Yahya Akbari. Neither it nor the U.S. said Yahya Akbari was killed.

The ministry said the militants had hidden in civilian houses, causing an unspecified number of civilian deaths. However, the photographs showed no homes — only tents — and it wasn't clear what the ministry was referring to.

U.S. commanders have requested more troops to battle an increasingly bloody Taliban insurgency. Obama has promised to increase the US focus on Afghanistan.

NATIONAL: Converters still may drop channels

Continued from page 4

The stimulus bill that President Barack Obama signed Tuesday contains \$650 million in additional funding. Once that money becomes available, it can clear the backlog of 4 million coupons in a few weeks. Without a coupon, a converter box costs \$45 to \$80.

Joe Glynn, vice president of engineering at PBS affiliate WVIA-TV near Scranton, Pa., said the station got a dozen calls in the past two days about its planned changeover at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday. The converter boxes have been a frequent subject.

"Unfortunately, some of them

have asked how you get the coupons for the converter box. Some of them have called asking us if we sell converter boxes. Others are calling and saying 'I got the converter, but I'm not getting anything on it' — I'm assuming because they don't have it hooked up right," he said.

He said most callers acknowledge that they only have themselves to blame for procrastinating.

"Everybody admits it's their fault. They knew it was coming," he said. "Some people seemed to be mad at themselves for not doing something sooner."

Even converter boxes that are correctly installed may drop some chan-

nels. That's because apart from killing analog, many stations are also changing to new digital frequencies. Viewers who were already watching the digital signal, either through a converter box or a digital TV set, will lose the channel until they force the device to "rescan" the airwaves.

In addition, many households will find that they need new antennas. Digital signals generally come in better than analog ones, but they are not received well by some older antennas. Spokeswoman Lea Sloan at PBS said that a rising number of calls to member stations are from people who are getting digital signals, but not all the ones they want.

Thanks offered for Wear Red Day, blood drive

To Venango Campus faculty, students, and staff. I thank each of you for the part you played in the recognition of Wear Red Day for Venango Campus this year. You have no idea how rewarding it is to see so many people decked out in something red, whether a tie, socks, t-shirt, sweater, or my favorite, Phil Shufstall's red screwdriver handle.

Hopefully, one day per year we are reminded of the importance of supporting and educating each other about heart disease.

I especially want to thank the Al-

lied Health club students, nursing club students, Shelly Moore, Penny Shaughnessy, and Cindy Busch for assisting me in making the second annual Wear Red Day a success.

The campus donated \$237. I will be sending the funds into the American Heart Association at the end of next week, so if someone would still like to contribute to the AHA cause, please let me know.

From my "heart", I thank you.

Ginny Seybold

Ginny Seybold, Wear Red Day

Coordinator and ASN Nursing Instructor, can be reached at vseybold@clarion.edu.

...

Phi Theta Kappa would like to thank everyone who donated blood, and everyone who tried! Of the 32 people attempted to donate, the American Red Cross was able to collect 23 units!

PTK members are "so happy to be a part of a campus full of such wonderful students, faculty and staff! Thank you all for your generosity!"

...

Venango Campus faculty candidates to present

There will be an open forum for the following faculty candidates at Venango Campus in Frame 208.

Each candidate will select a topic that highlights her teaching ability and will lecture for 30-35 minutes followed by a question and answer session.

At this time, we have not received each candidate's vitae for your review. Sherry Whalen will present on Monday, February 23, from 2-3 p.m., on the topic of Speech.

Erin Batten will present on Friday, February 27, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., on the topic of Chemistry.

Administrative personnel, faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend. Your presence and support will be greatly appreciated.

For more information about these faculty forums, contact Kay Ensle, assistant to the executive dean, at 676-6591, extension 1277.

Reiser: Dr. Reiser has presented at nat'l conferences

Continued from page 1

Preventive Medicine, Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and RN.

She has presented at a number of national conferences, including the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Conference and the National Organization for Nurse Practitioners.

Dr. Reiser is currently a candidate

for Region 3 Director of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, a region that includes Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

She is a member of the Eta Epsilon and Alpha Nu Chapters of Sigma Theta Tau, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, National League for Nursing, National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, and Eastern Nursing Research Society.

The School of Nursing and Allied

Health offers associate, bachelor and master's degrees in nursing, a bachelor's degree in radiologic sciences, and associate degrees in respiratory care and allied health.

With over 600 students enrolled in its programs, the School of Nursing and Allied Health is one of the largest programs in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, with a reputation for quality and partnerships to meet the Commonwealth's health care educational needs.

Briefly: Please take note of the following items

Students who are interested in taking Frank Shepard's "Wills, Trusts, and Estates" class during Summer II, should contact Keisha Hunsberger at s_krhunsberg@clarion.edu. At least 15 students are required to enroll in order for the

course to be held.

...
Suhr Library's hours will change during the week of Winter Holiday. Please note the following schedule change:

February 28 through March 8, Suhr

Library will be open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library will be closed on weekends.

Regular hours will resume on Monday, March 9.

For more information, call Suhr Library at 676-6591.

EVENTS: "Margot at the Wedding" to be shown

Continued from page 1

p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium. The film is shown in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Margot (Nicole Kidman) is a successful but neurotic writer who brings her 11-year-old son Claude (Zane Pais) to spend a weekend visiting her free-spirited sister Pauline (Jennifer Jason Leigh) on the eve of

her wedding to Malcolm (Jack Black). Margot disapproves of Pauline's choice of fiancé, which causes tension between the two sisters. In short order, the storm the sisters create leaves behind a mess of thrashed relationships and exposed family secrets.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...
Scholarships are available for Venango County residents. Applications for the following scholarships must be submitted by March 15.

Applications for the following scholarships are available in the Venango Admissions and Financial Aid Office.

See EVENTS on page 8



NOW YA KNOW!



Q. This mysterious number, the base of a natural logarithm, is related to natural and exponential growth. What is this number called, and what is its decimal value?



A. "e" discovered by Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler = approximately 2.72



Words
of
Wisdom



*'The heaviest thing
you can carry is a
grudge.'*

EVENTS: Williams, Smedley scholarships available

Continued from page 7

The Frank and Clara Williams Scholarship is available to students who: are a Venango County resident; enrolled in a 4-year program at an accredited school; are need-based; and are full-time.

The scholarship is limited to the first two years of college, and children of National City Bank employees are ineligible to apply.

The Laura M. Smedley Scholarship is available to students who: are a Venango County resident; enrolled in an associate degree program at a four year accredited school; are need-based; and are full-time.

The scholarship is limited to the first two years of college, and can be renewed for one year after the initial scholarship award. Nursing students are eligible, and children of National City Bank employees are ineligible to apply.

For more information, contact Kay E. Ensle at extension 1277.

"Memento" will be shown Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

"Memento" chronicles two separate stories of Leonard, an ex-insurance investigator who can no longer build new memories, as he attempts to find the murderer of his wife, which is the last thing he remembers.

One story line moves forward in time while the other tells the story

backwards revealing more each time. A memory inside a memory. "Memento" is a complicated head spinning adventure.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

Dr. Michael Galaty will present "Archaeological Evidence for the Origins of Affluence" on Monday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium. The presentation is the second in the Satellite Seminar Series sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa.

Dr. Galaty examines that development of social hierarchies, which depended on differential control of surplus goods, land, specialized economies, and trade. He examines and discusses the original paradox: that humans gave up hunting and gathering at all. Settled farmers worked harder and were less healthy than their hunter-gatherer forebears and neighbors... so why did they leave that lifestyle behind?

"The Wind that Shakes the Barley" will be shown Saturday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Winner of the PALME D'OR at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival, "The Wind that Shakes the Barley" is a sympathetic look at Republicans in early 20th century Ireland, and two brothers who are torn apart by anti-British rebellion.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-

6591, ext. 1269.

Miscellaneous

The artwork of Charlie Whipple, owner of the Howling Dog Gallery Café in Oil City, will be on display in Rhoades Center during the spring 2009 semester.

Body camp classes will be held every Tuesday at 2 p.m., in the Rhoades Gymnasium. Classes will be taught by Jane Horos of the YWCA. The one-hour cardio class will concentrate on strength training, but will also incorporate traditional step aerobics as well as an interval training boot camp class.

For more information contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

Yoga classes instructed by Libby Jenkins will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m. Yoga classes will be held in the Rhoades Gymnasium.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

"Yes, you can!" quit smoking. Smoking cessation classes will be scheduled based on interest shown. The class will provide students with the tools needed to quit smoking for good.

If you are interested in smoking cessation classes or have questions, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA. 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA. 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



Venango Voice

Volume 41, Issue 19

Monday, March 23, 2009

Legal Symposium slated at Venango Campus Mar. 26

What if the Supreme Court looked like this: all women? A Legal Symposium will take place at Clarion University-Venango Campus on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m., in the Robert W. Rhoades Center gymnasium. A dessert reception will follow the program.

Sandra Day O'Connor was named to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1981, paving the way for women to take their rightful places at the top of the legal profession. Join the first female Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Schultz Newman, and other leading female Commonwealth jurists as they explore how the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court might be different if the panel

were composed of all women.

Master of Ceremonies will be Senator Mary Jo White, 21st Senatorial District. The panel of justices will include: Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Justice Sandra Schultz Newman, ret.; Superior Court of Pennsylvania judges Joan Oriemelvin, Maureen Lally-Green, Christine Donohue, Jacqueline Shogan and Cheryl Allen; Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania Judge Renee Cohn Jubelierer; and Common Pleas Court judges Stephanie A. Domitrovich – Erie, and Maureen A. Skerda – Warren.

For more information, call Jerri Gent at 814.676.6591, ext. 1215, or email jgent@clarion.edu.



Retired Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Justice Sandra Schultz Newman

Second Satellite Seminar features Dr. Michael Galaty

March

Dr. Michael Galaty will present "Archaeological Evidence for the Origins of Affluence" on Monday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium. The presentation is the

second in the Satellite Seminar Series sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa.

Dr. Galaty examines that development of social hierarchies, which depended on differential control of surplus goods, land, specialized

economies, and trade. He examines and discusses the original paradox: that humans gave up hunting and gathering at all. Settled farm-

See EVENTS on page 8

Inside this issue...

Legal Symposium

Events

THANK YOU, Apt. Applications

Job Openings

State & National News

... pg. 1

... pg. 1-8

... pg. 2

... pg. 3

... pg. 4

World News

PTK Update

Eating Disorder Screening

Smoking Cessation Classes

Words of Wisdom

... pg. 5

... pg. 6

... pg. 7

... pg. 7

... pg. 7

THANK YOU individuals recognized in February

At Venango Campus, we take great pride in our personal and caring atmosphere and our commitment to the growth and development of our students and other members of our campus community. The Venango Campus THANK YOU! Employee Recognition Program is an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to thank faculty and staff members for efforts "above and beyond the call of duty" to help and support others.

The following individuals were thanked during the month of February 2009 for "going above and beyond": Tammy Beach (winner of

lunch at Cross Rhoades Café), Mark Conrad, Dave Durney, Hope Line-man, Phil Shuffstall, Rick Stevens, and Dave Wilson.

Want to thank someone who has helped and supported you this month? THANK YOU!, the Venango Campus Employee Recognition Program can help.

THANK YOU! forms are available at the Rhoades Center Information Desk, in the Administrative Office in Frame Hall, in Suhr Library, and in the second floor lobby of Montgomery Hall.

Individuals wishing to thank someone on campus for going above

and beyond the call of duty to help and support others will complete a THANK YOU! form and place it in a THANK YOU! box located at one of the campus locations listed above.

Each month, a name will be drawn from the entries that were placed in the boxes during the month.

The winner will receive a free lunch at CrossRhoades Café.

The names of all individuals recognized during the month will be included in the Venango Campus Update Memo, printed in the Venango Voice, and also posted near Cross-Rhoades Café.

Applications for student apartments being accepted

Clarion University-Venango Campus Student Apartment applications for housing are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Apartment amenities include: all utilities, high speed internet, basic cable and phone, full kitchen

and laundry area in each apartment, ten installment lease or \$530 for a and full furnishings (living room, 12 installment lease. dining room, bedroom).

Conveniently located across from the campus, resident students enjoy comfortable accommodations and a friendly residential community.

Rent for 2009-2010 is \$570 for a

For more information please contact Venango Campus Student Affairs at (814) 676-6591, extension 1269, or visit the student housing web page at: <http://www.clarion.edu/9322/>.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University-Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Columnists

Lori Secor Marla Harp

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the Executive Board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Positions are now available for qualified candidates

A phlebotomist/clerical staff person is needed Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in a doctor's office in the Seneca area. The qualified candidate will draw blood samples, obtain urine samples, evaluate incoming labs and forward for doctor's review. He/she will also assist with general office duties, filing, answering phones, coping, faxing, etc.

For more information, contact Mark Conrad, coordinator of Career Services at mconrad@clarion.edu.

...

A part time Program Coordinator (formerly caseworker) is needed to carry out the Big Brothers Big Sisters Service Delivery Model and coordinate local fund raising efforts in the Titusville area. The qualified candidate should expect a flexible schedule with some evenings and weekends. Requirements include: strong organizational and communication skills, a positive attitude and the ability to interact effectively with volunteers, clients and the public. A degree in social work, human services, psychology or other related field is necessary. Candidates must be eligible to obtain Act 33/34 clearances. Send a resume and cover letter to Big Brothers and Sisters of Crawford County, Inc. 912 Diamond Park, Meadville, PA 16335 or bigscrawfordco@gmail.com.

...

The University Writing Center at main campus is in need of a Graduate Assistant: Writing Consultant for the 2009-2010 academic year. The deadline to apply is

Wednesday, April 15. Prior writing center experience is not required. All individuals will receive training for this position.

Graduate assistants who work 20 hours per week are eligible for full tuition remission plus a stipend for the year. Graduate assistants who work 10 hours per week are eligible for half tuition remission plus a stipend for the year.

Individuals should be strong writers who are responsible, flexible, dependable, curious, polite, compassionate, professional, open to learning how to work with writers, and a native speaker of English (or have training/experience in teaching English).

An assistantship in The Writing Center offers graduate students the following learning opportunities: develop a range of tutorial strategies to meet writers' needs; conference one-on-one with clients; lead peer critique groups; assist in writing classes; introduce students to computers and software; assist with library and Internet searches; provide computer support; observe a variety of teaching and classroom management styles; and earn College Reading and Learning Association Tutor Certification.

The application process is as follows. Complete and submit a graduate assistantship application form in the Graduate Studies Office. Submit a letter of application directly to the Writing Center director, which addresses the following concerns: prior experience that makes you a candidate for the position; and how a graduate assistantship in The Writing Center will contribute to your graduate studies and/or to your long term

career goals. Send the letter, current resume, and sample writing (academic paper) to Dr. Kathleen Welsh, Writing Center Director, English Department, Davis Hall.

...

The University Writing Center at main campus is in need of an undergraduate work/study writing consultant for the 2009-2010 academic year. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, March 31. Prior writing center experience is not required. All individuals will receive training for this position.

Writing center consultants are students committed to excellence in writing, assisting student writers, learning one-on-one tutoring strategies, and contributing to the Writing Center's services.

Qualifications, besides being responsible, dependable, flexible, curious, polite, compassionate, professional and native speakers of English, include: excellent writing skills as demonstrated by a grade of B or better in English 111 or a writing intensive course; strong skills in grammar and punctuation; familiarity with at least one research paper format (MLA, APA, etc.); knowledge of Windows and MS Office software; ability to work with a wide range of individuals; ability to work as a respectful team member; reliability, punctuality, and ability to work independently; and cumulative GPA of at least 2.9.

Students must also be able to make a full-year commitment to the position.

Interested students should complete an application (available in the
See JOBS on page 7

State

Bats drop in on students at Penn College bat condo

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Students at one central Pennsylvania college are spring house cleaning at their condo — one built specially for bats.

Penn College erected the “bat condo” several years ago in Williamsport to attract the nocturnal

creatures away from a nearby church. Each year, the creatures’ home has to be cleaned of the bat droppings.

Two Penn College students who are taking wildlife management class used plastic bags to carefully remove more than 70 pounds of guano this year. That’s nearly 20 pounds more

than last year.

The bats are hibernating in nearby caves and soon will return, again filling the condo with guano.

Professor Donald Nibert says bats can catch and eat about 1,200 insects in an hour, which leads to the guano production.

National

Space shuttle, station crews begin girder work

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The astronauts aboard the linked space shuttle and space station began their high-priority girder work Wednesday, a two-day job that will culminate with the installation of two new solar wings at the orbiting outpost.

They cranked up the robot arm on the international space station and used it to latch onto the 45-foot-long, 31,000-pound frame structure that flew up aboard shuttle Discovery. The framework, which holds the folded-up wings, was then hoisted out of the shuttle payload bay.

Discovery’s robot arm was going to assist with the work.

The \$300 million girder — which has a radiator along with the solar wings — is the last major American-made piece of the space station. And the pair of wings are the station’s last.

The space station’s skipper, Mike Fincke, invited Mission Control to

watch over Wednesday’s activities, via on-board TV cameras.

“We want to share the great adventure with you all,” Fincke said.

The job is so complicated and drawn-out that the astronauts will wait until Thursday before actually hooking up the girder. Two spacewalkers will be outside, helping to attach the framework to the space station.

Once the wings are unfurled — either Friday or Sunday — the 10-year-old space station will finally be at full power. Six wings already are in place and generating power.

NASA needs the extra energy to boost science research. A bigger crew is also needed; the station population is supposed to double, to six, by the end of May.

The 10 space travelers and flight controllers around the world will be watching anxiously when the new wings are commanded to open. The last time new wings were delivered

in 2007, one got snagged on a guide wire and ripped, and spacewalking astronauts had to carry out emergency repairs to fix it.

NASA officials said they have learned their lessons. The latest 115-foot wings will be commanded to open a small section at a time, and Mission Control will make sure there is optimal lighting when the procedure takes place. Sun glare contributed to the 2007 mishap; it prevented the astronauts from quickly noticing that the wing had torn.

The wings carried up aboard Discovery are actually the oldest; they were used for testing on the ground. Because they have been packed up in boxes for as long as eight years, some of the pleated panels might stick together. The astronauts have techniques to work around that, if necessary.

Discovery will remain at the space station until next Wednesday. The shuttle arrived on Tuesday.

World

Iraq is better but its future is shaky, very unclear

BAGHDAD (AP) — Six years after the U.S. invaded Iraq, the end of America's costly mission is in sight, but the future of this tortured country is much less clear.

With violence down sharply, most Iraqis feel more secure than at nearly any time since the war began March 20, 2003 — March 19 in the United States.

But violence still continues at levels that most other countries would find alarming.

Last week, suicide bombers killed a total of 60 people in two separate attacks in the Baghdad area, and an American soldier was fatally injured Monday on a combat mission in the capital.

Fighting still rages in Mosul and other areas of the mostly Sunni north. Competition for power and resources among rival religious and ethnic groups is gearing up, even as the U.S. military's role winds down.

Both the Sunni and Shiite communities face internal power struggles that are likely to intensify ahead of national elections late this year. Sunni-Shiite slaughter has abated, but genuine reconciliation remains elusive.

"If Iraqi leaders don't reconcile and work together, the situation will deteriorate," veteran Kurdish lawmaker Mahmoud Othman said. "There is no harmony among Iraqi leaders. Their work depends on their mood."

At the same time, U.S. combat troops are due to leave by September 2010, with all American soldiers gone by the end of the following

year.

In the final stage of the war, America's challenge will be to prevent ethnic and sectarian competition from exploding into violence on the scale that plunged the nation to the brink of all-out civil war two years ago.

U.S. commanders successfully lobbied President Barack Obama to maintain a substantial combat force in Iraq through parliamentary elections at the end of the year in hopes of curbing violence as the country's religious and ethnically based parties compete for power in the national balloting.

Damage control is a far less ambitious goal than the Bush administration foresaw when the U.S. launched the invasion with an airstrike on Dora Farms in southern Baghdad in a failed attempt to kill Saddam Hussein.

Missing Saddam in the opening moments of the conflict set the tone for what became a war of missteps and disappointments before the tide turned in 2007.

The war was launched to deny Saddam weapons of mass destruction and when events proved he had none, the goal shifted — to establish a Western-style democracy in the heart of the Middle East. That goal was only partially achieved.

Now, the U.S. hopes that it can leave without the country disintegrating into chaos. The Americans hope Iraq will be strong enough to fend off interference by neighboring countries — notably Iran — and protect itself from a resurgent al-Qaida.

Prospects for a reasonably stable

Iraq are certainly brighter than they were before the U.S. troop surge of 2007, when car bombs shook Baghdad daily and gangs of Sunni and Shiite gunmen ruled the streets.

Violence is down 90 percent since early 2007. In February, the U.S. military recorded 367 attacks nationwide, compared with 1,286 for the same month last year, according to Lt. Col. Brian Tribus, a U.S. spokesman.

As of Wednesday, there have been at least five deaths of U.S. servicemen so far in March — the lowest daily death toll since the war began.

Much of the country is quiet, including the three Kurdish provinces of the north, the Shiite south and the Sunni-dominated Anbar province, where local tribes turned against al-Qaida.

Baghdad's parks are jammed on weekends with families only now feeling safe enough to venture from their own neighborhoods.

A survey of 2,228 Iraqis questioned nationwide last month for ABC News, BBC and Japan's NHK, found that 85 percent believed the current situation was good or very good — up 23 percent from last year.

About 59 percent felt safe in their neighborhoods, up 22 percent from last year, the survey said.

"Iraq will face difficult economic situations for long time. ... The political process is still at a crossroads," Iraq's Shiite vice president, Adel Abdul-Mahdi, said last week. "The war is not over but it has just begun."

PTK inducts members, sends reminder for gift cards

The Alpha Kappa Delta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held their 32nd Annual Induction Ceremony on February 28 at the Quality Inn in Franklin.

Latrobe Barnitz, Coordinator of Admissions and Financial Aid, provided accompanying music prior to the ceremony. Dr. Chris Reber, Executive Dean of Clarion University-Venango Campus gave the administrative address. Guest speaker for the evening was Tammy Beach, a Phi Theta Kappa Alumni. Tammy is a 2005 Clarion graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics, and will graduate in May with a Master's of Science in Business. Dr. Joan Huber gave the invocation. Beth Jackson, professor with the math department at Venango Campus, has been Alpha Kappa Delta's advisor for 10 years.

Officers for the 2008-2009 academic year were Patti Shontz, President; Beth Austin, Vice President of Community Events; Lori Secor, Vice President of Public Relations; Ester Estes, Treasurer; and Jaime Renwick, Secretary.

Officers for the 2009-2010 academic year were sworn in: Jaime Renwick, President; Joseph Ion, Vice President; Robin Zerres, Secretary; Esther Estes, Treasurer; and Lori Secor, Vice President of Public Relations.

Phi Theta Kappa is the official honors society of two-year colleges. The Society has 1200 chapters worldwide with over 2 million



The 2009-2010 officers are, from left to right: Joseph Ion, Lori Secor, Beth Jackson, Esther Estes, Robin Zerres, and Jaime Renwick.

members. To be eligible for membership, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The Alpha Kappa Delta chapter is active on both the Venango Campus and in the community. Among many other projects, they co-sponsor the Oil City Community Easter Egg Hunt, coordinate and host twice-annual blood drives, are active in the Adopt-a-Highway program, and have just completed the first Totes-For-Tots event. It is an honor to be invited to join Phi Theta Kappa. Please join us in congratulating our new inductees: Rachel Allio, Amanda Boal, Tammy Buchna, Jennifer Carr, Terri Clark, Melissa Davis, Heather Ditzenburger, Melinda Eckman, Andrew Hagan, John Hamm, Charity Hansford, Brittany

Hargenrader, Joseph Ion, Jenna Kalicky, James Kronmiller, James Langharst, Joshua McBride, Cheryl McLaughlin, Tammy Moon, Sarah Myers, Renee Oxenham, Virginia Proper, Melissa Rainey, Halbert Simmerman, Melissa Spencer, Shannon Stitt, Gina Thurston, Susan Traynor, Ann Vogan, Alisa Vroman, John Weaver, Anna Wencil, Kayla Williams, and Robin Zerres.

...

Attention all clubs! Please remember to turn in your gift card donations for the Staff and Faculty Appreciation Luncheon to Patty Shontz in the Nursing Office ASAP! If you are planning to donate gift cards and have not let us know, please contact Patty immediately at pshontz@clarion.edu.

National Eating Disorder Screening Day events slated

Clarion University Counseling Services and Keeling Health Center will sponsor National Eating Disorder Screening Day with several upcoming events.

Free, confidential screenings will take place at both campuses. At Venango Campus, screenings will take place on Monday, March 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Rhoades lounge.

Counselors will be available to

discuss eating disorder concerns that may affect you or a loved one.

In addition, there will be educational and referral information available.

Additionally, Johanna Kandel, a speaker on Eating Disorders Awareness, will speak at Venango Campus on Thursday, March 26, at 12:30 p.m., in Rhoades auditorium.

If you are unable to attend the screenings or prefer to take the

screening online, visit the Counseling Services Web site at www.clarion.edu/counseling.

In addition to eating disorders screening, you can take online screenings for depression, anxiety, and alcohol. You will receive instant results and referral information.

If you have any questions, please call Counseling Services at 393-2255.

Smoking Cessation Class scheduled at Venango Campus

Family Service & Children's Aid Society Tobacco Prevention Program will collaborate with Clarion University-Venango Campus to provide a free smoking cessation class to students, staff and the community.

To provide support for those who have a goal to quit smoking in 2009, the American Lung Asso-

ciation's "Freedom from Smoking" cessation program will be offered on Mondays at 2 p.m., beginning March 23 in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at the campus.

The cessation class is eight sessions over the course of seven weeks. Each participant will receive a free workbook and possible Nicotine Replacement Therapy.

"This is a great opportunity for smokers to gain a support group and learn the tools necessary to quit smoking," said Holly Coe, Tobacco Prevention Specialist.

There is no charge, but pre-registration is required for adequate curriculum. Contact Kristen Colford, Student Affairs, at 814-676-6591, ext. 1271, to register.

JOBS: Writing Center applications accepted by Dr. Welsch

Continued from page 3

Writing Center – 101 Davis Hall), submit the completed application form with a sample writing by the deadline, and participate in an in-

terview. Return completed applications to Dr. Kathleen Welsch, Writing Center Director, English Department, Davis Hall. Contact Dr. Welsch at 393-2156 or kwelsch@clarion.edu.

...

For more information about these positions or for resume preparation assistance, contact Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at mconrad@clarion.edu, or 676-6591, extension 1373.

Words of Wisdom

*'One thing you can give and still keep...
is your word.'*



EVENTS: Coffeehouse Series will feature Rachel Sage

Continued from page 1

ers worked harder and were less healthy than their hunter-gatherer forebears and neighbors... so why did they leave that lifestyle behind?

...

"The Wind that Shakes the Barley" will be shown Saturday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

Winner of the PALME D'OR at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival, "The Wind that Shakes the Barley" is a sympathetic look at Republicans in early 20th century Ireland, and two brothers who are torn apart by anti-British rebellion.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

April

Rachel Sage will perform on Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades lounge.

Independent Music Award winner Rachel Sage writes what The Village Voice calls "lovely and literate folk-pop-rock." An innovative, improvisational keyboardist, Sage has earned a loyal following for her infectious melodies and poetic lyrics.

For more information about the

Coffeehouse Music Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

The Oil Region Job Fair will be held Thursday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Cranberry Mall, Rts. 257 and 322 in Cranberry.

Job seekers can meet area employers at the event, and should bring a resume, prepare for onsite interviews, and dress professionally.

For more information, contact the Oil Region CareerLink at 678-5050, or visit www.cwds.state.pa.us.

...

BBQ with the Dean will be held Thursday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of Rhoades center.

The Student Senate-sponsored event will provide students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to mingle and chat with Executive Dean Dr. Chris Reber. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, pop, and conversation will be served.

...

Phi Theta Kappa is a co-sponsor of the Oil City Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m., at Hasson Heights Park Pavilion area.

The event is for children age 3-10 years.

The other sponsor of the event is KQW FM 96.3/AM 1120 The Q.

...

"Cashback" will be shown Saturday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

When art student Ben Willis loses his girlfriend, he develops insomnia. To pass the long hours of the night, he starts working the late night shift at the local supermarket. There he meets a colorful cast of characters, all of whom have their own "art" in dealing with the boredom of an eight-hour-shift.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

"The Visitor" will be shown Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

In a world of six billion people, it only takes one to change your life. Writer-director Thomas McCarthy has created a wonderfully measured story about change and renewal and put it all on the shoulders of Jenkins, a largely unheralded but masterful performer whose time for renown has surely come.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



Venango Voice

Volume 41, Issue 20

Monday, March 30, 2009

Performance by Rachael Sage slated on April 1

Independent Music Award winner Rachael Sage will perform in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at Clarion University-Venango Campus on Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m., as part of the campus' ongoing Coffee House Series.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Village Voice describes Sage's original songs as "lovely and literate folk-pop-rock."

An innovative, improvisational keyboardist, Sage performs over 150 dates a year throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

A grand prize winner in the John Lennon Songwriting Contest, Sage has earned a loyal following for her infectious melodies and poetic lyrics, and has shared stages with such artists as Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow, Judy Collins, and Ani DiFranco.

For more information the performance by Rachael Sage or the Clarion University-Venango Campus Coffee House Series, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

The next performance will be April 15 with Laura Tsgarris.



Oil Region Job Fair to feature several employers

April

Rachel Sage will perform on Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades lounge.

Independent Music Award winner Rachael Sage writes what *The Village Voice* calls "lovely and literate folk-pop-rock." An innovative, improvisational keyboardist, Sage has earned a loyal following for her infectious melodies and poetic lyrics.

For more information about the Coffeehouse Music Series, contact Director of

Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

The Oil Region Job Fair will be held Thursday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Cranberry Mall, Rts. 257 and 322 in Cranberry.

Job seekers can meet area employers at the event, and should bring a resume, prepare for onsite interviews, and dress professionally.

For more information, contact the Oil

Region CareerLink at 678-5050, or visit www.cwds.state.pa.us.

...

BBQ with the Dean will be held Thursday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of Rhoades center. The Student Senate-sponsored event will provide students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to mingle and chat with Executive Dean Dr. Chris Reber.

See EVENTS on page 8

Inside this issue...

Rachael Sage

Events

Trash Talk

Internship & Job Opportunities

State & National News

... pg. 1

... pg. 1-8

... pg. 2

... pg. 3

... pg. 4

World News

PTK & Construction Updates

Nursing Fair

PTK Stromboli sale

Words of Wisdom

... pg. 5

... pg. 6

... pg. 6

... pg. 7

... pg. 7

Australia: is it our future in water conservation?



Trash Talk

by

Lori Secor

Scenario: the government has implemented new laws concerning water use. Each resident is allotted 39 gallons of water per day total consumption. This includes water for cooking, bathing, laundry, drinking, etc.

Ok, so we make adjustments. We've all been there in the hot summer months when rain is low. No more watering the lawn, washing the car, and, oh yeah, sorry kids, no playing in the sprinkler. No filling or topping off swimming pools, and closed ball fields in some areas means summer activities enjoyed for decades come to a screeching halt.

Thirty-nine gallons sounds like a lot, right? It may not be as much as you think. For example, showers use about 2 gallons of water per minute, and the average toilet flush uses 5 gallons of water. A load of laundry takes 10 gallons. That could add up pretty quickly.

The average person in the United States uses 80-100 gallons per day. Imagine the kind of changes you would have to make in order to cut your water usage in half.

This scenario has become reality for the majority of people who live in Australia. Not all areas of Australia are under such harsh restrictions as the 39-gallon-limited town of Goulburn, which is near Sydney, but all territories have stages of restrictions depending on the current water levels.

If Australia's attempts at new methods of water conservation prove successful, they may very well set the stage for the rest of the world. One such method involves using storm water.

In most towns and cities in Australia, storm water runs into drainage systems that empty into the ocean.

An estimated 200 million gallons of storm water run from Sydney to the sea every year. Research is underway to find a technique to filter out the pollutants rain waters pick up.

In addition to high efficiency toilets, washing machines, and dishwashers, rain water tanks are widely used throughout

Australia. As their name indicates, these tanks capture rain water from the roof of a house. Water from the tanks is then used for a range of purposes including laundry, toilets, watering the lawn, and washing cars.

If you think the United States is safe from facing a similar situation, think again. At least 36 states are expected to face water shortages within five years.

It's not a crisis yet, but without decent planning, it can quickly escalate to catastrophe.

Major concerns include the Colorado River, which supplies water for seven states and the Sierra Nevada snowpack, which supplies most of California.

Florida is in a different situation of concern. They do not have a rainfall shortage, but widespread draining and paving of natural wetlands has left the water unable to drain back into the soil.

Bottom line is this: if we don't start conserving water voluntarily, most of us are going to be in for a huge shock very soon.

Don't know where to start? Keep an eye on the *Voice* for upcoming tips on water conservation.

Reference material for this article can be found at: <http://ga2.er.usgs.gov/edu/sq3action.cfm>, <http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/water/wtrconservation/usage.htm>, <http://www.science.org.au/nova/105/105key.htm>, <http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/>, and <http://www.alternet.org/water/82378/>.

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University-Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser
Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief
Kerri Smayda

Columnists
Lori Secor Marla Harp

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the Executive Board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Summer internship is offered at Boston University

The office of National Scholarship Advisement is pleased to offer information on the Boston University Summer Study Internship Program. This unique program is an exceptional opportunity for students to gain in-depth knowledge and valuable real-world experience that will aid them as they prepare for their future careers.

During the first six weeks of this 12-week program, students take two academic summer courses chosen from one of eight tracks, earning eight credits. For the final six weeks of the program, Boston University places each individual in a relevant, professional internship at a Boston-based, U.S.-based, or multi-national firm or orga-

nization. Students also enroll in a two-credit internship course, while ongoing workshops led by faculty and internship advisors build skills in resume writing and interviewing. By the conclusion of the summer study internship program, students have earned a total of 10 semester credits.

The summer 2009 program tracks are: applied health sciences, arts and culture, business and management, communication, graphic and web design, international studies, politics and public policy, and psychology and social policy.

The summer study internship program is open to undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and who

have completed at least one year of college by the start of the program. Students must be in good academic and judicial standing. A minimum GPA of 2.7 is required. Applications to the summer study internship program are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Students are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible. The deadline for all applications is May 8. Applications are available from bu.edu/summer/internship or by contacting the summer term office directly at 617-353-0556.

For further information regarding the application process, contact Brent Register at bregister@clarion.edu.

US Census Bureau has part-time positions open

The US Census Bureau is recruiting for the following short-term positions: Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Office Operations Supervisor, Enumerator (Census Lister/Taker), Crew Leader Assistant (CLA), Crew Leader, Recruiting Assistant, and Field Operations Supervisor. Qualified candidates will use government provided Laptop computers. Field Representatives will interview local respondents for a number of statistical surveys. Apply immediately for these important part-time

positions. Candidates must be United States citizens, at least 18 years old, pass a 30 minute test, have a valid driver's license, use of an insured vehicle, a private telephone line and be available during day, evening and weekend hours.

Testing for the Basic Skills Test must be scheduled through the toll-free number provided at www.cwds.state.pa.us and will be conducted at the PA CareerLink Oil Region. Contact CareerLink for web address to a practice test site. Veterans are to provide

DD-214 and SF-15. Candidates must provide two forms of identification from the following list: passport, current drivers license, social security card or certified birth certificate.

...

For more information about these positions or for resume preparation assistance, contact Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at mconrad@clarion.edu, or 676-6591, extension 1373.

...

Oil Region Job Fair slated for April 2 in Cranberry

The Oil Region CareerLink has announced the eleventh annual Job Fair will be held at the Cranberry Mall on Thursday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. CareerLink staff encourages job seekers to prepare a resume well in advance of the event. The CareerLink Web site, www.cwds.state.pa.us, allows users to create a resume plus apply for a variety of positions listed online. Parking at the Cranberry Mall is free.

Job seekers can match their skills with a diverse group of employers that will have tables set up throughout the mall's main walkways. The focus of this fair is not just about employment, but about supportive service resources. Diverse social service agencies will be present to explain their programs, ranging from employment assistance to health insurance as well as questions on unemployment claims.

CareerLink is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the exception of Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and has computers in its modern Resource Center to assist job seekers with online registration.

For more information, call 814-678-5050, or contact Venango Campus Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at mconrad@clarion.edu or at ext. 1373.

Email the *Venango Voice* at vvoice@clarion.edu!

State

Pitt to review investment practices in fraud loss

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The University of Pittsburgh has ordered a review of its investment practices while it tries to recoup \$65 million it put in the hands of two money managers who are now accused of fraud.

Paul Greenwood and Stephen

Walsh, two principals with Westridge Capital Management, were arrested Feb. 25 and charged with misappropriating more than a half billion dollars from public pension funds and universities, including Pitt and Carnegie Mellon.

Two Ohio universities — Bowling

Green State University and Ohio Northern University — say they also may have been victimized.

Pitt officials were unavailable early last week to discuss the school's review, but Pitt and CMU have already filed suit seeking return of their funds.

National

AIG executive resigns on NY Times op-ed page

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — An American International Group Inc. executive who received a retention bonus worth more than \$742,000 after taxes has resigned publicly — in an Op-Ed column in *The New York Times*.

Jake DeSantis, an executive vice president at AIG's Financial Products division, said Wednesday he's leaving the company and will donate his entire bonus to charity. The letter, addressed to AIG's CEO, Edward Liddy, criticized Liddy for, among other things, agreeing to the payments but then calling the bonuses "distasteful" as he testified before disapproving members of Congress.

"We in the financial products unit have been betrayed by AIG and are being unfairly persecuted by elected officials," wrote DeSantis, who was head of business development for commodities. "In response to this, I will now leave the company and donate my entire post-tax retention payment to those suffering from the global economic downturn. My intent is to keep none of the money myself."

He added: "I take this action after 11 years of dedicated, honorable service to AIG. I can no longer effectively per-

form my duties in this dysfunctional environment, nor am I being paid to do so."

New York-based AIG has been heavily criticized by government officials and the public after it awarded \$165 million in bonuses earlier this month. The retention bonuses, payments designed to keep valued employees from quitting, were paid out whether the employee had a great year or a terrible one.

The bonuses were given to employees of the financial products division, a global unit that issued derivatives called credit default swaps that helped sink AIG as a whole last year.

"Ed deeply appreciates the frustration expressed in this letter and believes that the recent vilification and harassment of AIG employees is grossly unfair and unwarranted," wrote AIG spokesman Mark Herr in a statement e-mailed to *The Associated Press*.

Attempts to reach DeSantis were unsuccessful.

Two days after AIG received its first injection from the government in mid-September, AIG named Liddy, former chairman of Allstate Corp., as chairman and chief executive succeeding Robert Willumstad, who stepped down after

three months on the job.

Liddy told Congress last week that the retention payments — ranging from \$1,000 to nearly \$6.5 million — were not his idea and called them "distasteful." Liddy himself is not getting a bonus and is only drawing \$1 a year in salary. The bonuses were promised in contracts with employees that AIG signed early last year, long before then-Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson asked Liddy to take over the company.

"I have the utmost respect for the civic duty that you are now performing at AIG," DeSantis wrote in the letter. "You are as blameless for these credit default swap losses as I am." AIG had invested heavily in credit default swaps, extremely risky insurance contracts for bonds and other investments.

Even so, DeSantis said he is disappointed and frustrated over what he called Liddy's lack of support.

"I and many others in the unit feel betrayed that you failed to stand up for us in the face of untrue and unfair accusations from certain members of Congress last Wednesday and from

See NATIONAL on page 5

World

Mexico captures 1 of 37 ‘most-wanted’ traffickers

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Soldiers captured one of Mexico’s most-wanted drug smugglers, whose nickname “la burra” — female donkey — belies his power as the alleged trafficker controlling drugs flowing through the northern city of Monterrey.

Authorities announced the arrest of Hector Huerta Rios on Wednesday, just hours before U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton arrives for a two-day visit to discuss security issues and U.S. support for Mexico’s battle against the drug cartels.

Clinton is scheduled to travel to Monterrey on Thursday.

Huerta Rios was detained Tuesday in a suburb of Monterrey, said Army Gen. Luis Arturo Oliver.

He was one of 37 top drug suspects on a most-wanted list pub-

lished Monday.

Officials said Huerta Rios acted as a lieutenant for the Beltran Leyva cartel in Monterrey, an industrial hub and Mexico’s third-largest city.

They say he directed the cartel’s operations there, and even met with the rival Gulf cartel to divide up the territory.

“We have information that as the representative of the Beltran Leyva cartel he held meetings with members of the Gulf cartel with the aim of agreeing on drug distribution zones, in order to avoid clashes between the rival gangs,” said Marisela Morales, the federal deputy attorney general for organized crime.

The capture occurred just two days after the government published a list of rewards for information leading to the capture of 24 top drug lords

and 13 of their lieutenants.

Authorities had offered rewards of up to \$2 million for the drug lords and up to \$1 million for the lieutenants, including Huerta Rios. It was not clear if a reward was paid in this case.

Huerta was nicknamed “La Burra,” or female donkey. “Burro,” or male donkey, is a common slang word for someone who transports drugs, but it was unclear if that was the reason for the nickname. Four men identified as his bodyguards were detained along with him, and soldiers also seized three assault rifles and four grenades from the suspects.

Huerta was arrested on an outstanding homicide warrant; the other four suspects were being held pending charges.

NATIONAL: “Handful” of AIG execs have resigned

Continued from page 4

the press over our payments,” DeSantis wrote in the letter, which was sent Tuesday to Liddy.

DeSantis noted that Liddy had decided to accelerate by three months the payout of more than a quarter of the bonus money.

“That action signified to us your support, and was hardly something that one would do if he truly found the contracts “distasteful,” he said.

Liddy told Congress last week that some of the employees were willing to give the money back, and on Monday,

New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said 15 of the top 20 bonus recipients agreed to return their money. In total, about \$50 million of the \$165 million will be returned, Cuomo’s office said Monday.

AIG has expressed concern that the company may not be able to attract and retain talented employees if they believe their compensation is subject to adjustment by the government.

An AIG spokesman said Monday that a “handful” of senior-level executives have resigned from the financial products division, and that there will likely be more resignations to come.

AIG came close to collapsing last September because it had gotten heavily into the business of insuring mortgage-backed securities, the risky investments that are at the root of the hundreds of billions of dollars in losses suffered by banks and other financial institutions around the world.

Since September, the government has given AIG \$182.5 billion, maintaining that without help, AIG would fail, further disrupting already stricken markets and cause more damage to the economy.

In return for the aid, the government took a nearly 80 percent stake in AIG.

Phi Theta Kappa sponsors egg hunt, sells Strombolis

The Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Monday, April 6. Clubs that have gift cards for the event should turn them in to Patty Shontz, president of Phi Theta Kappa, immediately in the Nursing Office.

...

Mark your calendars! The Oil City Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held

Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m. Bring your kids and join Phi Theta Kappa at Hasson Heights Park Pavilion for a fun morning.

Kids in three age groups will search for 5,000 eggs filled with prizes, ranging from candy and McDonalds certificates to free bowling, IX amusement park tickets and tons of more great prizes!

...

Phi Theta Kappa's Stromboli fundraiser is in full swing.

Strombolis are just \$2.50, but this will be the last chance to get them at this price!

PTK members are only selling until April Fool's Day, so find your friendly neighborhood member to order yours today!

...

Career Services coordinator deems fair a success

By Mark Conrad
Coordinator of Career Services

First, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all the ASN 09 grads that attended the fair and for the cooperation by the Nursing Fair staff, especially Professor Lana Smith. All employer comments were very supportive of your preparedness, as well as by the student volunteers that made the event memorable.

Several indicated there are no other fairs that make them feel as welcome; others felt the time they spent with the students today showed they were ready for careers in the field.

Any freshmen Nursing students that couldn't attend should be aware that Sharon Regional Health Systems has internship opportunities available. Professor Smith has letters explaining the application process. If you desire the names and address for the hospitals attending, e-mail or call me and I'll do my best to accommodate your requests.

Again, my thanks to all that this day was successful and for the continued support that Career Services receives from faculty, staff and students.

...

The winners of prizes drawn at the Nursing Fair include: Presbyterian Home, artificial flower basket, Rich Schill; Titusville

Hospital, party basket, Cheryl Whisner; Titusville Hospital, party basket, Jennifer Davis; Meadville Medical Center, lunch bag, Matt Knowlson; Meadville Medical Center, lunch bag, Jessica Hummer; Meadville Medical Center, book bag, Kirk Rollan; Meadville Medical Center, book bag, Gretchen Crawford; Presbyterian Home, lunch bag, Donna Jones; Presbyterian Home, blanket, Lori Costello; Presbyterian Home, tote, Jennifer Rex; and Presbyterian Home, tote, Stephanie Alderton.

Prizes are in the Nursing Department office for winners to claim.

Congratulations to all! All of you are winners in my expert opinion.

Construction updates continue at Venango Campus

The Clarion University Office of Finance and Administration has provided an update on the major construction projects underway at Clarion University. The following changes have taken place at Clarion University-Venango Campus.

At the Residence Suites, the roof structure and moisture wrap are complete for both buildings with window installation, interior framing and blocking nearly

complete as well. Interior rough-in and soffit and fascia installation is now underway. Masons will begin their work shortly.

At Venango Pond, a railing is soon to be installed on the walkway to the pond. The pond and associated dam are working as designed.

At the Rhoades/Davis Locker Room, the locker room is on hold as glazed block to match the existing surfaces is delayed with

only one company able to manufacture it. The doors have been installed and the gym is available for events.

More information about construction can be found in the minutes of the regular meetings of the Facilities Planning Committee and Parking Committee, provided at: <http://www.clarion.edu/admin/facilitiesmanagement/planning/facplancomm.shtml>.

Email the Venango Voice at vvoice@clarion.edu!

***Phi Theta Kappa
is currently holding its Spring 2009
Stromboli Sale!***

PTK's spring fundraiser is in full swing!

Strombolis are **just \$2.50**,
but this will be the last chance to get them at this price!

Choose from these delicious options:
Broccoli & Cheese, Pepperoni & Cheese,
Combo, Deluxe, and Chicken

Phi Theta Kappa is selling Strombolis **until April Fool's Day**,
so find your friendly neighborhood member and order yours today!

Words of Wisdom

*'If you lack the courage to start,
you have already finished.'*



EVENTS: Indie film "Cashback" to be shown April 4

Continued from page 1

Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, pop, and conversation will be served.

Phi Theta Kappa is a co-sponsor of the Oil City Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m., at Hasson Heights Park Pavilion area. The event is for children age 3-10 years.

The other sponsor of the event is KQW FM 96.3/AM 1120 The Q.

"Cashback" will be shown Saturday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

When art student Ben Willis loses his girlfriend, he develops insomnia. To pass the long hours of the night, he starts working the late night shift at the local supermarket.

There he meets a colorful cast of characters, all of whom have their own "art" in dealing with the boredom of an eight-hour-shift.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

"The Visitor" will be shown Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

In a world of six billion people, it only takes one to change your life.

Writer-director Thomas McCarthy has created a wonderfully measured story about change and renewal and put it all on the shoulders of Jenkins, a largely unheralded but masterful performer whose time

for renown has surely come.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

Laura Tsgarris will perform on Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades lounge.

Independently touring with her acoustic guitar and characteristically intimate solo show, Laura Tsgarris continues to solidify her place within the performance community.

For more information about the Coffeehouse Music Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

"Yesterday" will be shown Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

After falling ill, Yesterday learns that she is HIV positive.

With her husband in denial and young daughter to tend to, Yesterday's one goal is to live long enough to see her child go to school.

The film realistically and sensitively portrays the plight of rural South Africans living with HIV or AIDS. Zulu with English subtitles.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

Natalia Zuckerman, with special guest Trina Hamlin, will perform on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades lounge.

The Philadelphia Daily described Zuckerman as a "smokey-voiced songstress. If

you're a fan of Madeleine Peyroux, Bonnie Raitt or even Amy Winehouse, you'll find stuff to connect with here."

For more information about the Coffeehouse Music Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

Miscellaneous

The artwork of Charlie Whipple, owner of the Howling Dog Gallery Café in Oil City, will be on display in Rhoades Center during the spring 2009 semester.

Body sculpting classes will be held every Tuesday at 11 a.m., in the Robert W. Rhoades fitness center. Classes will be taught by Jane Horos of the YWCA.

The one-hour cardio class will concentrate on strength training, but will also incorporate traditional step aerobics as well as an interval training boot camp class.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at 676-6591 extension 1271.

Yoga classes instructed by Libby Jenkins will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m. Yoga classes will be held in the Robert W. Rhoades fitness center.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at 676-6591 extension 1271.

Get active with Dr. Lott every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Various activities will take place throughout the semester, including biking, hiking, cross country skiing, cardio and strength training, and more.

For more information, contact Dr. Lott at dlott@clarion.edu.

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



Venango Voice

Volume 41, Issue 21

Monday, April 6, 2009

Lumber Inspection Training School to be offered

The National Hardwood Lumber Association (NHLA), headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee, will offer the ten-week NHLA Lumber Inspection Training School at Venango Training and Development Center in Oil City from June 8 until August 14. The program is a collaboration of NHLA, Clarion University-Venango Campus, Keystone Community Education Council (KCEC), and the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG). Ron Jones Hardwood Sales, Inc. will donate the hardwood to be used for the program.

This is just the second time NHLA has offered the program off-site in the organization's sixty-year history of educating lumber inspectors throughout the world, having offered the program in Oil City last summer. NHLA Inspector Training

School Instructor, Rich Hascher, will again travel to Pennsylvania to preside over the class, giving students the same tradition of excellence they would receive in Memphis.

NHLA began its partnership with Clarion University-Venango Campus six years ago, when Clarion University became the only university in the country to offer college credit for the NHLA program, awarding credits toward an associate degree through the university's Department of Applied Technology.

After successfully completing the NHLA program, students who wish to continue on to earn Clarion University's Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology degree will be able to transfer as many as 22 credits toward the 60 credits required for the associate degree.

The balance of the coursework consists of general education and business courses that can be completed at the Venango Campus and/or online.

Wood product employers in the north central and northwest region of Pennsylvania are eligible for tuition reimbursement through the AHUG Lumber and Wood Industry Partnership. To learn more about reimbursement through the AHUG office please call 814-837-8550.

For more information regarding the summer school program and enrollment contact Lance Hummer at Keystone Community Education Council at 814-677-4427 or email l.hummer@csonline.net.

Housing during the program is available

See LUMBER on page 2

Transitions orientation program slated April 8

April

The registration/orientation program Transitions will be held on Wednesday, April 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Rhoades Center. Students accepted into the university will meet with an advisor, schedule classes, and learn about student life and services, financial aid, Eagle Dollars, how the Administrative Office can assist you, and have your Student Identification Card photo taken. Optional campus tours will also be available.

...
"The Visitor" will be shown Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

In a world of six billion people, it only takes one to change your life. Writer-director Thomas McCarthy has created a wonderfully measured story about change and renewal and put it all on the shoulders of Jenkins, a largely unheralded but masterful performer whose time for

renewal has surely come.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...
"Gun Violence, Awareness, and Choices" will be presented by Elaine Surma on Tuesday, April 14, from 7-8:30 p.m., at

See EVENTS on page 8

Inside this issue...

Lumber School

Events

Nursing Courses

Job Opportunities

State & National News

... pg. 1

... pg. 1-8

... pg. 2

... pg. 3

... pg. 4

World News

Legal Symposium photos

Discovery program

Grants available

Words of Wisdom

... pg. 5

... pg. 6

... pg. 7

... pg. 7

... pg. 7

Two nursing courses open to students of any major

The following two BSN nursing electives are available to all non-BSN students. The non-restricted sections are W5 sections.

Nursing 347 (call number 12050): Creating a Wellness Lifestyle - 3 credits - introduces the student to the concepts of wellness and health promotion from a holistic perspective. Within this framework, students explore how to gain more control over their lives through effective stress management, management

of time and change, and adequate self and social support. The course assists students in increasing self-responsibility and negotiating the health care delivery system. The course also discusses health measures such as diet, exercise, and sleep as they relate to a wellness lifestyle. Nursing 347 also explores the balance of caring for others and caring for self. Each student is guided in formulating an individualized wellness plan.

Nursing 365 (call number 12051):

Health Promotion for the Elderly - 3 credits - provides students with information and strategies related to the promotion and maintenance of health in a holistic manner for the elderly population.

The course promotes inquiry and stimulates the critical-thinking processes of the student by emphasizing health and wellness concepts.

These courses are open to all students.

Students should speak with his/her advisor prior to registering for these courses.

LUMBER: Students can live in apartment complex

Continued from page 1

at the Venango Campus student apartment complex. Each apartment is furnished and includes a fully-equipped kitchen, utilities, high-speed Internet, air-conditioning and laundry facilities. For more information, contact Emily Aubele at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

The National Hardwood Lumber Association is a nonprofit association composed of more than 1,600 member firms that produce, sell, and use hardwood lumber or provide services to the hardwood industry. The association was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber and still serves as the administrator of those

standards.

The high value of hardwood lumber dictates that boards are graded each time that they are bought or sold within the hardwood industry on the way from the sawmill to their final use in furniture, flooring, or paneling. Hardwood lumber inspectors are responsible for determining the species, grade, and volume of each piece of lumber, and are employed by sawmills, dry kiln operators, wholesale lumber distributors, manufacturing plants, exporters, importers, and other types of firms that utilize hardwood lumber.

In 1948, NHLA established its training school in Memphis to teach these rules and the application of the grading system to help meet an increasing demand for skilled lumber inspectors throughout the world.

To this day, the NLHA Lumber Inspection Training School in Memphis is the only school of its kind in the world and has attracted students from Canada, Europe, Africa, South America, and Asia, as well as the United States. More than 6,700 students have graduated from the Inspection Program, many of whom are now in management or ownership positions in the industry and are sending their children or employees to complete the course.

Clarion University's Department of Applied Technology was launched in 2003 in response to a critical need for high-quality technical education in the region and beyond, and utilizes a creative partnership approach designed to prepare students for

See LUMBER on page 7

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University-Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Columnists

Lori Secor Marla Harp

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the Executive Board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Several positions are available now for students

An Oil City office is looking for a medical biller/coder. Experience in the optical field is preferred. Experience as a receptionist is also preferred. This position may be viewed and applied for at www.cwds.state.pa.us.

...

The Venango County Assistance Office has available openings for Clerk Typist 2 and Income Maintenance Worker. Periodic openings also exist for LIHEAP Energy assistance personnel. Apply on the Web site, www.scsc.state.pa.us, to schedule an exam.

It is highly recommended that candidates have very thorough, detailed resumes noting full addresses for all employers (with supervisor), beginning and ending wages for employers listed, and education/training applicable to the position.

It is also recommended that candidates list multiple counties in which he/she will be willing to work in the event the Venango slots are filled prior to a candidate's exam date. All students should review this Web site to ascertain if, in fact, other opportunities exist related to their field. Potential career options with the Commonwealth are available but most require civil service testing and patience is critical since the hiring process can be laborious at times.

...

Program Aides are needed. Qualified candidates will assist with the implementation and management of programs and services for older Americans who are generally over age 50 in a designated geographic area, providing services to approximately 100 older individuals, businesses, and communities in the greater Meadville/Titusville area, in Venango and Crawford Counties.

Primary duties and responsibilities may include: assists with the recruiting of applicants for Experience Works special projects; interviews and assesses participants to determine appropriate training and supportive services plans; supports and monitors the training,

skill development, and performance of participants; cultivates community relationships as well as training and employment opportunities for participants; organizes job development services to help participants obtain unsubsidized employment; assess the needs and abilities of older persons using JobReady software; creates and maintains positive relationships with businesses, organizations, and community-based organizations; and some daily and occasional overnight travel.

The required qualifications include: residence in area served; has a passion for enhancing community service and employment opportunities for older people; understands the special employment needs of older workers and is creatively able to address these needs; able to identify the needs and expectations of individuals, community organizations and employers; demonstrated commitment, teamwork, and collaboration; effectively works with individuals and employers in a positive, professional manner; is knowledgeable about the range of services available in community and able and willing to develop relationships to deliver a comprehensive array of services; excellent interpersonal skills, strong planning and organizational skills, ability to work with accuracy and detailed paperwork; proven experience with community service, aging issues, employment counseling, or related transferable competencies; individual must be a self-starter who communicates effectively, motivates others, and has an affinity for and a desire to work with older people; and education above the high school level and appropriate work experience.

Qualified candidates must possess a valid driver's license, acceptable driving record, auto liability insurance, and reliable transportation. Qualified candidates must be proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, and the Internet. Compensation includes a competitive salary, excellent benefits, and reimbursement of travel expenses.

Visit <http://www.cwds.state.pa.us/> to apply.

...

A tutor is needed in the Learning Support

Center at Venango Campus. The qualified candidate will be required to work 10 hours/week (within the LSC published schedule) for minimum wage.

The qualified candidate must be dependable; possess an overall GPA of 2.7 with a GPA of 3.00 in core classes; have a schedule of at least 6 credits; effectively carry out tutoring in a positive manner to students needing assistance in order to be successful in their respective area of concern; obtain a faculty recommendation; work within the published schedule of the Learning Support Center; and attend all required training and be well versed in the guidelines of the L.S.C. Manual.

Duties of the qualified candidate will include: maintain accurate records and follow directions per Clarion University guidelines on several levels (computer usage, LSC Training manual, time/attendance records and other standards as dictated by the procedures for the L.S.C.); work on a one-on-one basis as well as in group settings to carry out effective tutoring sessions; make referrals for other student services as needed; answer all phone inquiries and personally greet students; maintain L.S.C. library by logging all books in/out and return them to proper areas; monitor computer areas to assure appropriate Internet access; report any areas of concerns to immediate supervisor; and follow all other assignments as dictated by the L.S.C. manual or as directed by University policies.

To apply, complete an application, located in Room 319 Montgomery or in LSC Room 318 Montgomery. Include a fall semester class schedule; subject areas should clearly be noted on the application. Attach a faculty recommendation for the area in which you wish to tutor. Return all forms to Tammy Beach, L.S.C. Coordinator, at Room 319 Montgomery.

...

For more information about any of these positions or for resume preparation assistance, contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at mconrad@clarion.edu or at extension 1373.

State

Pa. health officials warn of measles after 3 cases

PITTSBURGH (AP)—State and Allegheny County health officials are warning people about a father and two young children who have been sick with the measles.

Health officials say the man and his children, who are both under 5 years old, were at UPMC Children's Hospital of

Pittsburgh on March 10 and 11 while they would have been contagious. The three are not being identified and were not at the hospital because of the measles, though health officials won't say why they were there.

The father and his children are from

Westmoreland County. Investigators are now trying to determine how they got sick and whether anybody else has caught the measles from them.

Neither child was vaccinated against the disease. The father had one of two measles vaccines.

National

Fargo businesses reopen as swollen river subsides

FARGO, N.D. (AP)—Businesses reopened and commuter traffic returned Wednesday as the bloated Red River fell below the sandbags and the top of the permanent floodwalls protecting Fargo, feeding optimism the city had escaped a disastrous flood.

Under a cloudy but mostly dry sky, roads reopened, people returned to work and officials began scaling back their flood response. Officials said schools would reopen Monday.

"Our word for the day is restore and recharge," Mayor Dennis Walaker said.

Traffic was bustling during the morning rush hour, a far cry from last week when the city was virtually shut down. "I had to fight traffic to get to work today," city commissioner Tim Mahoney said.

Fargo also began looking ahead to the enormous effort of removing the roughly 3 million sandbags stacked atop the floodwalls. There was no immediate indication when that will begin, but Walaker wants residents to be aggressive when the time comes.

"We don't want them sitting in their living room watching the National Guard doing this," he said. "We can't do that.

People don't understand how many bags are out there."

Fargo also wants to work with state and federal officials to come up with a long-term flood plan. "It's something that we want to get done as quickly as possible," the mayor said.

Less than two inches of snow was forecast, giving residents a break from the storm that blew about 10 inches of blinding snow through the city Tuesday and whipped up blizzard conditions elsewhere across the northern Plains.

City officials had said they would breathe easier when the river fell to 36 or 37 feet or lower, and early Wednesday, it was down to 37.37 feet.

The river is still far above flood stage, but it's below the top of the floodwalls, which are topped with 5 feet of sandbags that residents, volunteers and National Guard members had stacked.

Officials caution that the city isn't safe just yet. Forecasters say the river could rise again when more snow melts. But even future crests aren't expected to approach the levels feared during the past weekend, when the river reached a record 40.82 feet early Saturday.

Freezing weather has limited the amount of snow and ice that would normally melt and flow into the waterway, the National Weather Service said.

Tuesday's snowstorm added to the challenge of monitoring the dikes, producing a slippery mix of mud and ice and obscuring visibility for engineers who walked the earthen levees looking for weakness or leaks.

Across the river in Moorhead, Minn., and much of surrounding Clay County, officials were going from flood-emergency to flood-recovery mode Wednesday.

"We're gearing our efforts down and FEMA's here to do its thing," said Detective Jason Hicks with the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

"We still have a lot of work to do. Everyone's tapped out."

Moorhead officials lifted another evacuation recommendation, covering the southernmost part of town, on Wednesday. Only a small area on the north side remained under an evacuation recommendation.

And as the high water in the Red River flows north, the Minnesota Army National Guard is beginning to shift personnel with it to other towns facing the flood threat.

World

North Korea threatens to shoot down spy planes

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea accused the United States of spying on the site of an impending rocket launch and threatened Wednesday to shoot down any U.S. planes that intrude into its airspace.

North Korea says it will send a communications satellite into orbit on a multistage rocket between April 4 and 8.

The United States, South Korea and Japan suspect the reclusive country is using the launch to test long-range missile technology, and they warn Pyongyang would face sanctions under a U.N. Security Council resolution banning it from ballistic activity.

Pyongyang's state radio accused U.S. RC-135 surveillance aircraft of spying on the launch site on its northeastern coast, according to South Korea's Unification Ministry, which is in charge of monitoring the North.

"If the brigandish United States imperialists dare to infiltrate spy planes into our airspace to interfere with our peaceful satellite launch preparations, our revolutionary armed forces will mercilessly shoot them down," the ministry quoted the radio as saying.

It was unclear what capability North Korea has to shoot down the high-flying Boeing RC-135, which can reach altitudes of nearly 10 miles (15 kilometers).

The threat came a day after the North claimed the U.S. and South Korea conducted about 190 spy flights over its territory in March, including over the sea off the launch site.

The U.S. military in South Korea declined to comment on the spying

allegations or the North's threat.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said at a summit Tuesday with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak that Pyongyang's launch would breach the U.N. resolution, and he pledged to respond in step with Seoul, Lee's office said.

Lee, in London for the G-20 summit, told Brown it was important for the international community to show a concerted response to the North's move, his office said.

Lee and Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso also agreed at a summit Wednesday to "work together to make sure the international community shows a united response" to a North Korean launch, a statement from Lee's office said.

Aso said he will push for new U.N. sanctions if the launch takes place, while Lee "stressed the need to clearly show to North Korea, through close coordination of the international community, that it cannot always have its own way," South Korea's Yonhap news agency quoted Lee's spokesman Lee Dong-kwan as telling South Korean reporters.

In the Netherlands, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called Pyongyang's move "an unfortunate and continuing example of provocation by the North Koreans."

"There will be consequences, certainly, in the United Nations Security Council if they proceed with the launch," she said.

Clinton also strongly backed Japan's plans to shoot down any incoming North Korean rocket debris, saying the country "has every right to protect and defend its territory from what is clearly a missile launch."

Japan has deployed battleships with antimissile systems off its northern coast and stationed Patriot missile interceptors around Tokyo to shoot down any wayward rocket parts that the North has said might fall over the area.

Tokyo has said it is only protecting its territory and has no intention of trying to shoot down the rocket itself, but North Korea said it is not convinced and accused Japan of inciting militarism at home to justify developing a nuclear weapons program of its own.

If Japan tries to intercept the satellite, the North's army "will consider this as the start of Japan's war of re-invasion ... and mercilessly destroy all its interceptor means and citadels with the most powerful military means," the North's official Korean Central News Agency said Tuesday.

The International Crisis Group, a Brussels-based think tank that provides detailed analysis about North Korea — said in a report that the country is believed to have "assembled and deployed nuclear warheads" recently for its medium-range Rodong missiles, which are capable of striking Japan.

But its Seoul-based expert, Daniel Pinkston, said it is unclear if it has mastered the technology necessary to miniaturize the warheads and put them on Rodong missiles, which have a range of 620 to 930 miles (1,000 to 1,500 kilometers).

Adding to the complexity of the situation, the North announced Tuesday it will indict and try two American journalists accused of crossing the border illegally from China on March 17 and engaging in "hostile acts."

Email the *Venango Voice* at vvoice@clarion.edu!



A Legal Symposium was held at Clarion University-Venango Campus on March 26. The event featured eight women from the Pennsylvania judicial system answering the question, "What if the Supreme Court looked like this: all women?" The speakers included: (top left photo, l to r) Madame Justice Sandra Schultz Newman (ret.), first female justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Judge Maureen Lally-Green, PA Superior Court; Judge Jacqueline Shogan, PA Superior Court; Judge Cheryl Allen, PA Superior Court; Judge Christine Donohue, PA Superior Court; Judge Renee Cohn Jubelirer, PA Commonwealth Court; Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Court of Common Pleas, Erie; and Judge Maureen Skerda, Court of Common Pleas, Warren. In the photo at the top right, Victor Stabile, Esq., of Dilworth Paxson LLP, moderates the event. Maria Battista Kerle, J.D., Ed.D., a Mass Media Arts & Journalism and Communication Studies professor at Venango Campus, coordinated the Legal Symposium (left, middle photo). Judge Christine Donohue of the Pennsylvania Superior Court (bottom left) looks to the crowd as another judge speaks.



Discovery program assists with career decisions

Career Services has a great program called DISCOVERY, which assists students in narrowing down their career interests.

Before you leave for the summer, consider making an appointment to take an assessment – it's quick! And, once you receive your individualized username, you can even take the assessment at home, if you desire.

If you wish to make an appointment to get acclimated to this user-friendly research tool, contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad by e-mail at mconrad@clarion.edu or at extension 1373.

Grants are available for undergraduate students

Student grants are available for research and projects, and students can now apply for Clarion University student grants for undergraduate research and scholarly, creative, entrepreneurial, and civic projects.

Undergraduate students in any major or program at Clarion University are invited to apply for up to \$500 in funds to support independent research or a scholarly project to be conducted in collaboration with a

faculty or staff mentor. Research is defined in a broad context to include any scholarly, creative, entrepreneurial, or civic activity and is not limited to the traditional concept of laboratory studies in the sciences.

The project must be completed prior to the middle of April 2010, when the student is expected to present their findings at an undergraduate research symposium to be held on campus.

In those instances where the project is

continuing, the student will present results in the following year's symposium. Projects can be those of one student or teams of students.

The deadline to apply for grant money is Monday, April 13.

For instructions how to apply and an application or for more information, contact Kay Ensle at the Clarion University-Venango Campus administrative office at kensle@clarion.edu.

LUMBER: Students will receive Associate degree

Continued from page 2

a career path leading to a wide range of opportunities and leadership positions.

Under this unique model, students complete general education and business courses at Clarion University-Venango Campus and the technical component of the degree through licensed, certified, accredited and/or otherwise approved technical education providers.

Graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science in Industrial or

Administration Technology degree from Clarion University.

In addition to the Hardwood Lumber Inspector concentration, the Industrial Technology degree offers concentrations of study in Electric Utility Technology, CNC Programmer, CNC Maintenance, Electromechanical Technology, and Electric Arc Welding.

Also offered are Grinding Specialist, Milling Specialist, Robotics Technology, Robotics Maintenance Technology, Plastics Technology, Quality Control, Tool, Die, and

Mold Technology.

Additionally, Tooling and EDM Technology, Tooling and Machining Technology, CADD - Architectural or Mechanical, Carpentry and Construction Technology, Electricity - Maintenance and Construction, Refrigeration, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning, Welding and Fabrication Technology, and Computer and Network Administration are offered.

Concentrations in the administration technology degree program include insurance and office technology.

Words of Wisdom

*'One thing you can't recycle
is wasted time.'*



EVENTS: Performance by Tsgarris slated April 15

Continued from page 1

Rhoades Auditorium. The program will cover the realities of gun violence and how it relates to substance abuse issues.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

...
Laura Tsgarris will perform on Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades lounge. The event is free and open to the public.

Independently touring with her acoustic guitar and characteristically intimate solo show, Laura Tsgarris continues to solidify her place within the performance community.

For more information about the Coffeehouse Music Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...
"Yesterday" will be shown Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

After falling ill, Yesterday learns

that she is HIV positive. With her husband in denial and young daughter to tend to, Yesterday's one goal is to live long enough to see her child go to school. The film realistically and sensitively portrays the plight of rural South Africans living with HIV or AIDS. *Zulu with English subtitles.*

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...
Natalia Zuckerman, with special guest Trina Hamlin, will perform on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades lounge.

The *Philadelphia Daily* described Zuckerman as a "smokey-voiced songstress. If you're a fan of Madeleine Peyroux, Bonnie Raitt or even Amy Winehouse, you'll find stuff to connect with here."

For more information about the Coffeehouse Music Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

Miscellaneous

The artwork of Charlie Whipple, former owner of the Howling Dog Gallery Café in Oil City, will be on display in Rhoades

Center during the spring 2009 semester.

...
Body camp classes will be held every Tuesday at 2 p.m., in the Rhoades fitness center. Classes will be taught by Jane Horos of the YWCA.

The one-hour cardio class will concentrate on strength training, but will also incorporate traditional step aerobics as well as an interval training boot camp class.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

...
Yoga classes instructed by Libby Jenkins will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m. Yoga classes will be held in the Rhoades fitness center.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

...
Get active with Dr. Lott every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. Various activities will take place throughout the semester, including biking, hiking, cross country skiing, cardio and strength training, and more. For more information, contact Dr. Lott at dlott@clarion.edu.

...

Email the *Venango Voice* at vvoice@clarion.edu!



Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109;



Venango Voice

Volume 41, Issue 22

Monday, April 13, 2009

Student apartments offer many amenities and more

Clarion University-Venango Campus is currently expanding its student apartment complex with two new buildings and continues to provide affordable housing with a long list of amenities that are hard to find in other student housing arrangements.

Each two- and three-story building features two apartments on each floor with four private bedrooms and two bathrooms in each apartment.

Students share common laundry facilities, living and dining areas, and a kitchen. The student apartments also boast many amenities included in the cost of the lease such as high speed Internet access, cable television, local phone service, and all other utilities. In addition, residents receive \$200 in Clarion University dining services flex dollars.

Current residents of the student apartment complex weighed on the benefits of

living on campus.

Slippery Rock University transfer student Jenna Kalicky was satisfied knowing that "everything is included. It's completely furnished," she said.

Kalicky also pointed out the conveniences of living in the student apartments. "It's nice to be able to walk to campus. Having the washer and dryer is nice, too."

Freshman nursing students Cheyenne Kuzma and Alyssa Zigo shared Kalicky's sentiments.

"One of the best features is the washer and dryer - and it's free," said Kuzma. "But getting to meet people faster is a perk."

"It's like your own little community," added Zigo. "You make more friends, faster, and you get together all the time."

"You have way more connections with people," said Kuzma.

Kuzma and Zigo pointed to gatherings

at the picnic tables outside the apartments, as well as game nights and PlayStation night to describe the social events that are "always going on" at the apartments.

"I think it's always a lot of fun," said Zigo.

Each building of the complex is named in honor of private donations, through the generosity of the community, made toward the construction of the complex. The buildings were designed by Ligo Architects and developed by Whalen Contracting, Inc. of Franklin, and are owned and managed by the Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

Elizabeth S. Black Hall was funded primarily by the Elizabeth S. Black Charitable Trust, Henry B. and Beverly L. Suhr, and an anonymous donor. Additional donors include the Laura Smedley

See HOUSING on page 6

Gun violence awareness presentation slated April 14

April

"Gun Violence, Awareness, and Choices" will be presented by Elaine Surma on Tuesday, April 14, from 7-8:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium. The program will cover the realities of gun violence and how it relates to substance abuse issues.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at 814-676-6591, extension 1269.

...

Laura Tsgarris will perform on

Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades lounge. The event is free and open to the public.

Independently touring with her acoustic guitar and characteristically intimate solo show, Laura Tsgarris continues to solidify her place within the performance community.

For more information about the Coffeehouse Music Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...
"Yesterday" will be shown Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades Auditorium, in conjunction with the Independent Film Series.

After falling ill, Yesterday learns that she is HIV positive. With her husband in denial and young daughter to tend to, Yesterday's one goal is to live long enough

See EVENTS on page 8

Inside this issue...

Student Housing

... pg. 1

State & National News

... pg. 4

Events

... pg. 1-8

World News

... pg. 5

Trash Talk

... pg. 2

PTK News

... pg. 6

Job Opportunities

... pg. 3

Finals Schedule

... pg. 7

FAFSA News

... pg. 3

Words of Wisdom

... pg. 7

Water isn't unlimited; start to conserve at home now

least we'll be used to using less when the rules start being laid down.

So, for my last article of the semester, I'm handing out ideas on how we can all reduce our water usage.

1. Don't let the water run while shaving, washing your face, and brushing your teeth.

2. Take shorter showers. Replacing the showerhead with an ultra-low-flow head will save even more.

3. For tub baths, close the stopper or put in the plug before turning on the water.

4. Put a plastic bottle or Ziploc bag full of pebbles into the toilet tank to use less water with each flush.

5. Repair drippy faucets. A one drip per second leak will waste almost 3000 gallons per year.

6. Store drinking water in the refrigerator. This way, you don't have to run the water to wait for it to get cold.

7. Don't thaw meats under running water. Thaw in the fridge overnight or in the microwave.

8. Don't clean vegetables under running water. Instead, use a filled bowl or pan.

9. Installing instant water heaters at the kitchen sink or shower eliminate the need to run the water to get it hot. It also saves

money on household heating costs.

10. Garbage disposals use a lot of water to run. Consider starting a compost pile and put those scraps to good use.

11. Wait to run the dishwasher until it is totally full.

12. Don't run the washing machine for only a few items. Wait until you have a full load and be sure to adjust the water height correctly unless you have the type with the fill sensor.

13. Using mulch around trees and plants outside slows evaporation, reducing how often they need watered.

14. Water plants during cool times of the day. And don't water your lawn in the rain. (Seriously, I've seen people do it.)

15. When you wash your car, park it on the grass and double-duty by watering the lawn with the rinse water.

16. If you have a pool, keep it covered when not in use to reduce water lost to evaporation.

And with talks of a pool, I leave you with thoughts of summer! What will you do with yours? See you in the fall and remember: small changes can bring big results!

Reference material for this article may be found at: <http://www.monolake.org/> and <http://www.americanwater.com>.

Trash Talk

by

Lori Secor

Water may be the most abundant resource on Earth, but that doesn't mean unlimited. Areas in the United States may soon join the many countries worldwide in water crisis.

What is the solution here? Will there be restrictions put on the amount of water each person is allotted? Fines handed out to those who don't comply as they are doing in many other countries? Maybe, if we start to conserve water usage now, we can put off the extremes, or at the very

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhoades Center
Clarion University-Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Columnists

Lori Secor Marla Harp

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the Executive Board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Information about job openings, job fairs available

Job openings are available immediately at Kingdom Kids Nazarene Day Care in Oil City, located at 601 East Second Street in the basement of the First Church of the Nazarene.

There is a full-time and a part-time position open, plus there is a need for summer help.

Kingdom Kids is open Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the time for the two part-time positions open are 11:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The full-time candidates are needed from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Three clearances are required for employment: Child Abuse, Criminal Record Check and FBI clearances. Applicants are responsible for the fees associated with those clearances. A current physical and TB test is also required. Pay scale depends on years of experience with children and degree earned; a higher pay would be earned for those with at least an Associates Degree in Early Childhood or a related field.

Limited benefits are also available.

To learn more about the positions open or to obtain an employment packet, contact Pastor Tina, Director, or Jill Courson, Assistant Director, at 814-677-3355 between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. or stop by the day care office to inquire.

...

The position of Discovery Leader is one that allows you to make a significant

contribution to Clarion University, the Venango Campus, and to new students. Discovery Leaders help incoming students and their families make a positive transition to the campus and to the challenges of academic life. Discovery Leaders are some of the best-informed students on campus and are part of a dynamic team committed to creating a positive, welcoming, and supportive campus community.

Requirements for the position include: currently enrolled as a student at the Venango Campus; demonstrated leadership ability and public relations skills; excellent team player - you will be part of a staff working in a fast-paced, high profile position; high energy level, enthusiasm, and commitment to the Venango Campus experience; group facilitation experience - a great deal of time will be spent working with and leading groups of new students; familiarity with Venango Campus resources and services - you will be a resource to the incoming class - and familiarity with local resources and services; maturity and independent judgment - you will be representing Clarion University and the Venango Campus community; must be available to attend two of five Orientation Sessions throughout the spring and summer months, all of Discovery Weekend, and all training meetings; must be in good academic standing (an overall GPA of 2.00 or higher) though summer term 2009; must be willing to give campus tours for the admissions office during the following school year;

and must be available to attend leadership development workshops on listed dates.

Turn in applications to Katie Owsaniecki in room 117 at Rhoades Center. If you are interested in this program, you may pick-up an application at the same location.

...

Additional applications from employers that attended the Oil Region Job Fair at the Cranberry Mall are available in the Career Services Center, room 228, Montgomery Hall. They are located in the plastic distribution boxes (in the hallway) next to the Career Center. They are available on a first come-first served basis. A poster with tear-offs from GSA for summer camp counselors, along with job announcements which require you to apply via Internet or mail a formal resume to the employer's attention, are also available.

...

CareerLink of Clarion County will hold the 2009 Clarion County Job and Resource Fair on Wednesday, April 15, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Clarion Mall.

For more information, visit www.cwds.state.pa.us.

...

For resume preparation assistance or for more information about any of these jobs, contact Coordinator of Career Services Mark Conrad at mconrad@clarion.

...

FAFSA is due May 1 for 2009-2010 school year

Students can apply for federal student aid for the 2009-2010 school year using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web at www.fafsa.gov.

Students will need their Federal Student Aid PIN to access the 2009-2010 FAFSA on the Web application. To request

a duplicate PIN, visit www.pin.ed.gov and select "Request a Duplicate PIN." It may be delivered through an online display, within an e-mail, or by U.S. postal mail. If postal mail is selected, the PIN may be expected in the mail within 7-10 days after the request.

In addition to federal student aid, the FAFSA is used as an application for the

PHEAA Grant. The application is due by Friday, May 1.

If you prefer a paper FAFSA, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) to request one.

For more information about the FAFSA or other financial aid, contact the Office of Financial Aid at extension 1213.

Email the *Venango Voice* at vvoice@clarion.edu!

State

Pa. troopers set record for DUI arrests in 2008

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) —

Pennsylvania state troopers have a new record for the number of arrests for driving under the influence.

State police announced Tuesday their officers made more than 16,000 arrests

for driving under the influence last year.

That's a 3 percent increase over 2007 and the highest yearly total in the department's history.

Officials are crediting education, training and targeted enforcement.

They're also conducting more

evaluations to find drivers under the influence of illegal or prescription drugs.

The number of alcohol-related crashes fell 3 percent last year, while the number of fatalities from those crashes were down by 9 percent from the prior year.

National

FEMA housing aid runs out for storm victims May 1

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Thanh Nguyen will soon give up the cramped travel trailer that's been her home for more than four years, pack her belongings into an old Toyota Corolla and rely on the kindness of others for a place to live.

She has no choice: The government is taking back the trailer.

"I'm going to pack everything I have in a car and go to my friends' houses and move on and on until I find something I can afford," the Vietnamese immigrant said through a translator. "It's for however long they allow me to stay."

Nguyen is one of nearly 6,000 residents in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama who face a May 1 deadline to leave the government trailers where they have lived since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita raked the Gulf Coast.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said the \$5.6 billion housing assistance program that began after the 2005 storms was the largest federal temporary housing operation in the nation's history.

At its peak, 143,000 households along the Gulf Coast were living in temporary housing units.

FEMA is urging its remaining tenants in travel trailers to work with federal and state case managers up to the deadline to find permanent housing. Those living in

park model or larger homes have the option to purchase the structures.

Otherwise, FEMA spokesman Jim Foster said, on May 1, "they will have to move out. That's just the end of the program."

Advocacy groups, many of them established in Katrina's wake, have been scrambling to help people who haven't found permanent housing. Many displaced residents are over 65 or are disabled, said Stephen Carr, director of the Mississippi Case Management Program.

The main barrier is affordability. Following Katrina, rent more than doubled along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Much of the affordable housing stock was destroyed and insurance rates increased. Hundreds of housing units have been replaced within the last year, but "developers can't put it on line at pre-Katrina rates," Carr said.

The state also plans to transform 1,800 so-called Katrina Cottages — billed as a sturdier alternative to trailers — into permanent structures. The cottages, which are state structures, are not affected by the FEMA deadline.

Nguyen, 69, lives on a \$646 Social Security check, said Danny Le, who works for Boat People SOS, an organization that helps Asian immigrants.

Le said the minimum cost for a one-bedroom apartment in Biloxi is \$500. He

said Nguyen has applied for public housing, but hasn't received a response.

Gov. Haley Barbour has asked the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for 5,000 housing vouchers to help storm victims pay rent in newly built units, said Lee Youngblood, a spokesman for the Mississippi Development Authority.

But that doesn't help people like Thanh Tran, 33, who shares a FEMA trailer with his parents and grandmother.

The Trans, who sell shrimp for a living, intend to build a house in Pass Christian, but have been unable to get a permit. Tran said his family will pitch a tent on their property after the trailer is taken away.

"I'm hoping they will extend the deadline more," Tran said.

Carr also hopes that as the deadline looms, FEMA will just begin the lease termination process.

"I don't anticipate a wholesale homeless situation created on May 1," Carr said.

In Louisiana, an estimated 75 percent of those receiving FEMA aid are homeowners, and many of them may be close to completing the reconstruction of their homes, said Christina Stephens, a spokeswoman for the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

See NATIONAL on page 5

World

Obama in Baghdad, tells troops Iraq must take over

BAGHDAD (AP) — Flying unannounced into a still-dangerous war zone, President Barack Obama told U.S. troops and Iraqi officials alike Tuesday it is time to phase out America's combat role in a conflict he opposed as a candidate and has vowed to end as commander in chief.

Iraqis "need to take responsibility for their own country," Obama told hundreds of cheering soldiers gathered in an ornate, marble palace near Saddam Hussein's former seat of power.

"You have given Iraq the opportunity to stand on its own as a democratic country. That is an extraordinary achievement," he told the troops, saluting their efforts during six years of American fighting and losses.

Just hours before he arrived, a deadly car bomb exploded in Baghdad, underscoring the continuing peril despite a recent decline in violence. But the mood was festive as Obama spoke to some 600 troops, quickly gathered for his visit.

"We love you," someone yelled from the crowd of photo-snapping men and women in uniform.

"I love you back," responded the president, repeating a sequence that played out at hundreds of campaign stops on his successful run for the White House last year.

Obama met with top U.S. commanders as well as senior Iraqi leaders on a visit of a little more than four hours that was confined to Camp Victory, the largest U.S. military base in a war that began in 2003 and has cost the lives of 4,265 members of the U.S. military. Many thousands more Iraqis have perished.

A helicopter flight to the heavily fortified Green Zone a few miles distant was scrapped, but White House aides attributed the change in travel plans to poor weather rather than security concerns.

After a session with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Obama said he had "strongly encouraged" Iraqis to take political steps that would unite political factions, including integrating minority Sunnis into the government and security forces.

Al-Maliki told reporters, "We assured the president that all the progress that has been made in the security area will continue."

American commanders told the president the country is experiencing a relatively low level of violence, although the car bomb explosion in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad was evidence of a recent resurgence. Obama flew from Turkey, the next-to-last stop on an eight-day itinerary that also included Britain, France, Germany

and the Czech Republic.

Aides said Obama chose to visit Iraq rather than Afghanistan, where U.S. troops are also in combat, in part because it was close to Turkey and in part because of upcoming Iraqi elections.

In his remarks to the troops, Obama made no mention of the Afghanistan conflict — where he has decided to commit 21,000 additional troops — and it was not known whether it came up in his meeting with Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. commander, and other officers.

Obama announced plans in February to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq on a 19-month timetable, although a force as large as 50,000 could remain at the end of that period to provide counterterrorism duties.

"I am personally committed to a new chapter of American engagement. We can't afford to talk past one another, to focus only on our differences, or to let the walls of mistrust go up around us," Obama said before leaving Turkey.

The visit to a nation that straddles Europe and Asia was designed to signal a new era. He had pledged as a candidate to visit a majority-Muslim nation in his first 100 days in office.

NATIONAL: FEMA is still paying rent on trailers

Continued from page 4

She said most of the state's storm-displaced renters have moved into a disaster housing program operated by HUD, but that program ends in September.

In the last two weeks, six apartment complexes have opened across the state, she said, and thousands more rental units will be completed over the next few months — projects funded with federal block grant

money.

"People need to start thinking now about where they're going to live instead of waiting until May 1," said Stephens. "Hurricane season is starting. It's very important for people's safety that they be in very permanent shelters."

In Alabama, just 19 households are under FEMA's deadline and none live in FEMA trailers, said Janey Galbraith, a grants consultant for Bayou La Batre, the

location of an alternative housing program for storm victims. More than 100 displaced families moved into Safe Harbor Estates, a new subdivision of two- to four-bedroom homes. The rent is based on 20 percent of the household income, she said.

She said the reason many families chose not to transition into the subdivision was simple: "When they move to Safe Harbor, they have to pay rent. Where they are now, they don't. FEMA is still paying for it."

Phi Theta Kappa seeks funds for service project

The Alpha Kappa Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Clarion University-Venango Campus is seeking donations to continue a successful project to benefit area residents from toddlers to older adults.

"Totes for Tots" is a service project that the group started a year ago, with the help of residents of Presbyterian Home, Golden Living Center, and Oil City Boy Scouts Troop 111. With the help of the chapter's treasurer, Esther Estes, nursing home residents hand-painted pictures on the tote bags.

PTK members purchased fun, educational toys, and scouts filled the 91 bags that were donated to Oil City Head Start and pre-kindergarten classrooms. Each tote bag contained an age-appropriate

book by an award-winning author, a dry-erase board and marker, a letter or number pegboard puzzle, Play-doh, letter and number stencils, and lacing letters, along with a letter to parents and a sponsor card. The children were very appreciative of the hand-painted tote bags full of toys and enjoyed them with their teachers and PTK members.

PTK would like to expand the project into the Franklin and Seneca areas and is asking for financial assistance from area businesses and residents. Donations can be made to Student Activities Venango Campus (SAVC) and mailed to the campus at 1801 West First Street, Oil City, PA 16301, to the attention of Beth Jackson, PTK advisor. For more information, please contact Beth

Austin at 814-673-3848 or Beth Jackson at 676-6591, ext. 1336. Sample totes are on display in the second floor lounge of Montgomery Hall at Venango Campus.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for two-year colleges, with 1200 chapters and more than 2 million members worldwide. Its mission is to recognize and encourage academic achievement and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. To be eligible for membership, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The Alpha Kappa Delta chapter is active on both the Venango Campus and in the community.

Gift card winners, beneficiaries named by PTK

Phi Theta Kappa would like to announce the gift card winners from the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon: Laura Carson - Sheetz gift card, donated by Phi Theta Kappa; Lana Smith - Visa gift card, donated by Ski Club; Deb Sobina - Fairway Casual Dining gift certificate, donated by Nursing Club; Cindy Busch - Applebee's gift card, donated by Psychology Club; Sylvia Wiegel - Sheetz gift card, donated by Phi Theta Kappa; Theresa Nestor, Walmart gift card, donated by Student Senate; and Renee Bloom, Outback Steakhouse gift card, donated by Nursing club. Thank you to all the clubs who donated gift cards!

We, the members of Phi Theta Kappa, consider it an honor and a privilege to be able to host this luncheon each year. Thanks again to all of the faculty and staff for all you do to make our time at Venango Campus such a wonderful experience!

...

Phi Theta Kappa is collecting textbooks to send to Better World Books. The money received by BWB is sent to the Room to Read Program, which helps bring books to underprivileged countries.

Please consider donating your unwanted textbooks at the end of the term. Donation boxes are available in Rhoades Center and in the 2nd floor lobby of Montgomery Hall

from April 20 through May 1.

...

Each year Phi Theta Kappa collects books and food items to donate to a local group.

This year, we have chosen St. Benedict Education Center in Oil City and the Venango County Humane Society.

We will be collecting children's books for St. Benedicts and pet supplies for the Humane Society (a list of requested pet items will be on the donation bins).

Bins will be placed in Rhoades, Frame, and Montgomery from April 20 through graduation. Please bring an item or two to donate.

HOUSING: Buildings were named in honor of donors

Continued from page 1

Charitable Trust, the Frederick and Ellen Fair Charitable Trust, and John K. Henne of Titusville.

Edward V. and Jesse L. Peters Hall was funded by the Edward V. and Jesse L. Peters Charitable Trust. Mrs. Peters was the mother of Michael Hughes.

Michael F. and Joyce I. Hughes Hall was made possible primarily through

donations by the Edward V. and Jessie L. Peters Charitable Trust and the Jessie L. Peters Charitable Lead Annuity Trust. Additional support was provided by Hank and Beverly Suhr and the Dr. and Mrs. Arthur William Phillips Charitable Trust.

Leadership Hall, the new three-story building, was made possible by Joyce and Mike Hughes, who have also funded Edward V. and Jessie L. Peters Hall and Michael F. and Joyce I. Hughes Hall.

Bradford George Carmack Barnes Hall, the new two-story building, was funded by Greg Barnes, retired business professor, in honor of his late son, Bradford George Carmack Barnes. Mr. Barnes also made a gift to fund the new Gregory Barnes Center for Biotechnology Business Development at the Clarion campus.

For more information about the Student Apartment Complex, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1269.

Venango Campus Spring 09 Final Exam Schedule

Please watch for announcements of changes or confirm with your faculty regarding exam schedule.

All final examinations will be administered Tuesday, April 28 through Friday, May 1. Exams will not be given at times other than those specified on the final exam schedule. Students should report to the same classroom used throughout the spring semester unless indicated otherwise.

Students with three or more tests on the same day may reschedule tests by consulting with the appropriate instructors or the college dean. The final exam schedule for the spring term does not allow for a make-up day, therefore make-up exams should be scheduled at a time convenient for the faculty and students.

Saturday, April 25 These classes are Dual Enrollment courses.

9:00 PSY 211: 53 101 MH Hollis
11:00 Soc 211:52 101 MH Hunchuk

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 Chem 154 108 F Stevens
Geog 257 307 MH Occichipinti
Eng 230 404 MH Huber

10:00 Eng 111:52 404 MH Huber
Math 111 307 MH Jackson

12:00 CIS 217: 51 311 MH Hunter
Actg 252 108 F Kennedy
CRJT 235:51 208 F Klenowski
Soc 236:51 208 F Klenowski
Math 050:51 307 MH Jackson
ENG 111:53 101 MH Foster
ENG 111:54 101 MH Foster
3 p.m. BIOL 111 101 MH Deets/Smith
CMST 113: 53 112 F Kerle

5 p.m. REBH 211 116 F Wynkoop
Eng 307 304 MH Foster
(final assignment due)
Biol 260 108 F Bruner

6:30 p.m. CMST 113:51 112F Earnheardt
CRJT 235: 52 208 F Klenowski
ECON 222 403 MH Duespohl
PSY 211: 52 307 MH Hollis
Soc 236:52 208 F Klenowski

Wednesday, April 29

9:00 Psy 211: 51 404 MH Forden
MGMT 121 403 MH Carr
Math 112: 51 307 MH Jackson
Nur 102 Aud
Nur 202 101

12:00 Math 221 307 MH Jackson
Eng 111: 51 404 MH Huber
PHSC 112: 52 108 F Gourley

2:00 PHSC 112: 51 108 F Gourley
Hist 121 101 MH Pfannestiel
ENG 228 403 MH Huber
PSY 260: 51 404 MH Forden
PHSC 111 112 F Stevens

May have to switch rooms with Gourley
4:00 Psy 325 404 MH Forden
REHB 250 116 F Wynkoop

5:00 Math 112: 52 307 MH LaVan
CIS 217:53 311 MH Armbrurger
ED 225 404 MH Mertz

7:00 CRJT 255: 51 208 F Kerle
SOC 211 101 MH Hunchuk
MGMT 120:51 1TV Carr

Thursday, April 30

9:00 CRJT 260 208 F Klenowski
CMST 112: 54 112 F Kerle
CIS 217: 52 311 MH Hunter

11:00 Nur 132 Aud

2 p.m. CMST 112: 52 112 F Kerle

5 p.m. ECON 212 101 MH Duespohl
ED 122 307 MH Mertz

7 p.m. Psy 260: 52 404 MH Forden
PHIL 111 208 F Bowser, D.
CMST 113: 55 112 F Kerle

Friday, May 1

9:00 Mus 131 101 MH Johnson
CIS 217: 54 311 MH Hunter

11:00 Biol 259 101 MH Lott

12:00 ENG 267 404 MH Foster
(final paper due)

1 p.m. HPE 111:51 101 MH Slautterback

3 p.m. HPE 111:52 101 MH Slautterback

5 p.m. SPED 129 112 F Gaggini
Math 110 307 MH LaVan

6:30 MGMT 227 403 MH Duespohl
PS 211 404 MH Coulter

ITV classes

Friday, May 1

10:00 MMAJ 100 423 Adams

Words of Wisdom

*'Your mind is like a parachute,
it functions only when open.'*



EVENTS: Zuckerman, Hamlin to perform April 23

Continued from page 1

to see her child go to school. The film realistically and sensitively portrays the plight of rural South Africans living with HIV or AIDS.

Zulu with English subtitles.

For more information about the Independent Film Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

Cardio Kick-Butt classes will be held at the YWCA on Central Avenue in Oil City on Saturday, April 18 and 25, from 10-11 a.m.

Venango Campus students are invited to attend for free. Please present student ID.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

...

Natalia Zuckerman, with special guest Trina Hamlin, will perform on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades lounge.

The *Philadelphia Daily* described Zuckerman as a "smokey-voiced songstress."

If you're a fan of Madeleine Peyroux, Bonnie Raitt or even Amy Winehouse, you'll find stuff to connect with here."

For more information about the Coffeehouse Music Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-6591, ext. 1269.

...

May

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is due Friday, May 1.

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid or Latrobe Barnitz at extension 1213.

...

Miscellaneous

The artwork of Charlie Whipple, former owner of the Howling Dog Gallery Café in Oil City, will be on display in Rhoades Center during the spring 2009 semester.

...

Self Defense Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 2-3 p.m., at Rhoades Gymnasium.

The classes are taught by Venango Campus professor Paul Klenowski.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

...

Body Sculpting classes will be held every Tuesday at 11 a.m., in the Rhoades fitness center. Classes will be taught by Jane Horos of the YWCA.

The one-hour cardio class will concentrate on strength training, but will also incorporate traditional step aerobics as well as an interval training boot camp class.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at 814-676-6591 extension 1271.

...

Yoga classes instructed by Libby Jenkins will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m. Yoga classes will be held in the Rhoades fitness center.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

...

Get active with Dr. Lott every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Various activities will take place throughout the semester, including biking, hiking, cross country skiing, cardio and strength training, and more.

For more information, contact Dr. Lott at dlott@clarion.edu.

...

Email the *Venango Voice* at vvoice@clarion.edu!



Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



Your Campus, Your Paper, Your Voice

Venango Voice

Volume 41, Issue 23

Monday, April 20, 2009



The Venango Pond is near completion. The West End Pond renovation has included many new features such as a gazebo, a bridge, plantings, lighted pathways, a ramp and more. The community project is a beautiful addition to Clarion University-Venango Campus. For more construction updates, see page 6.

Zuckerman and Hamlin to perform on April 23

April

Natalia Zuckerman, with special guest Trina Hamlin, will perform on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., at Rhoades lounge.

The Philadelphia Daily described Zuckerman as a “smokey-voiced songstress. If you’re a fan of Madeleine Peyroux, Bonnie Raitt or even Amy Winehouse, you’ll find stuff to connect with here.”

For more information about the Coffeehouse Music Series, contact Director of Student Affairs Emily Aubele at 676-

6591, ext. 1269.

...

Cardio Kick-Butt class will be held at the YWCA on Central Avenue in Oil City on Saturday, April 25, from 10-11 a.m. Venango Campus students are invited to attend for free. Please present student ID.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

...

May

The Free Application for Federal

Student Aid (FAFSA) is due Friday, May 1.

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid or Latrobe Barnitz at extension 1213.

...

Miscellaneous

The artwork of Charlie Whipple, former owner of the Howling Dog Gallery Café in Oil City, will be on display in

See EVENTS on page 8

Inside this issue...

Venango Pond photo

... pg. 1

State & National News

... pg. 4

Events

... pg. 1-8

World News

... pg. 5

Jim Kronmiller

... pg. 2

Construction Update

... pg. 6

Job Opportunities

... pg. 3

PTK News

... pg. 7

Phi Kappa Phi

... pg. 3

Words of Wisdom

... pg. 7

Through the eyes of a photographer, Jim Kronmiller

By Hope Lineman
Continuing Education Coordinator

The year is 1964 and little did James Kronmiller know, but his 10th birthday would be the turning point in his life: no fanfare or big parade but a simple package would take him on a lifelong journey. Just like most young boys, he had a list a mile long of things that he wanted that day. Carefully opening a small box, his curiosity peaked; inside, a Kodak Camera Kit. To most it did not seem like much, but to Jim, it was a way to capture the world. Taking pictures of anything and everything was exciting but it was developing the film that was so fascinating. The prints that he would so carefully develop were all but one inch by one inch. With still a glint of childish excitement, Jim said with a smile, "it was science and magic all rolled into one." At the time, it was just an awesome gift, but this one little gift would take hold of something in Jim, which would take him through life. Photography has been a hobby at times and also a way to support Jim's family at other times, throughout his life. Even while facing death himself, he uses photography to capture precious moments of time for grieving parents.

Jim credits his high school

Photography and Graphic Arts teacher for pushing him to develop his hidden talent and love for the craft. While most teachers saw him as a student who did not try very hard, this teacher saw the "diamond in the rough," who just needed a little polishing. He became very active in joining clubs like yearbook and the school newspaper, always taking and developing pictures, polishing his technique and learning the skill of photography by trial and error.

He served time in the military, and worked at various jobs, so it was not until the late 1980's that Jim decided to make his living doing what he does best: photography. He opened his own studio in Florida, which is where he met his wife in 1989. Though successful in the business, they decided to move to Pennsylvania in 1993 to help with an ailing family member.

"We moved back to care for my mother," Jim says solemnly, "she was terminally ill with the same health issues I am dealing with."

Life was dealing Jim one bad card after another. Dealing with diabetes since he was in his early 20's, he was dealt the ultimate blow in 2000. He was diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and given only five to eight years to live.

He was told to enjoy what time he had left and to get his affairs in order. The National Heart Lung and Blood Institute register COPD as the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. With COPD, the airways or tubes that carry air in and out of the lungs become partially blocked. In Jim's case, such basic tasks as walking leave him gasping for air. Most often, individuals diagnosed with COPD have smoked cigarettes or have had exposure to pollutants such as dust and strong fumes. Jim, not having been exposed to these common causes, is perplexed at how he contracted COPD.

Jim also lives daily with Congestive Heart Failure. Commonly referred to as CHF, Congestive Heart Failure is described by the American Heart Association, as a condition in which the heart cannot pump enough blood to the body's other organs. This is caused by narrowing of the arteries that carry blood to and away from the heart. First, imagine a water hose, and then stepping on the hose to lessen the amount of water that travels through that hose. This is what Jim's body deals with every day, not only with blood supply, but with air as well.

This upbeat and jovial man - some say

See KRONMILLER on page 6

Email the Venango Voice at vvoice@clarion.edu!

Venango Voice

Student Affairs, Rhodes Center
Clarion University-Venango Campus

Phone: 814-676-6591, Ext. 1271

Email: vvoice@clarion.edu

Adviser

Dr. Joan Huber

Editor-in-Chief

Kerri Smayda

Columnists

Lori Secor Marla Harp

Policies

The Venango Voice is the student-run newspaper of Clarion University of Pennsylvania – Venango Campus and the surrounding communities. The Voice is published most Fridays during the academic year.

The Editors accept submissions from all sources, but reserve the right to edit for libel, grammar, length, punctuation, and obscenity; the determination of which is the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief.

Submissions must be signed and include contact information. They must be received no later than noon Mondays. If the author of a letter wishes to remain anonymous, they must attach a separate letter of explanation.

Information boxes (including PSAs) are published only based on available space and at the discretion of the Executive Board. Publication is not guaranteed.

Communication majors may earn a print co-curricular as a member of the Voice staff. They should schedule their co-curricular when scheduling classes. Only students who fulfill their responsibilities for the entire semester will be granted a co-curricular.

Several positions are available for employment

Applicants for the maintenance laborer position will be responsible for ongoing general maintenance and care of all buildings, equipment, program facilities and grounds of a functioning Girl Scout Camp. A working knowledge of carpentry, plumbing, electric installation and repair, and the ability to operate equipment such as mowers, tractors, trucks, log splitters and hand tools is required.

The applicant must possess a valid driver's license and pass Act 33/34 clearances. Pre-employment drug screening tests must be passed.

Search for this job at www.cwds.state.pa.us to post your updated resume.

...

A well-established Erie manufacturing company is looking for an executive secretary to assist the president of the company. The position will interface with all areas, including engineering and sales. Applicants must have strong computer skills, be self-starters with strong attention to detail and be able to multi task. Applicants must be willing to work until the job is done. Sales background is a definite plus. Only those candidates who have worked in a manufacturing office will

be considered. Temp to hire or direct hire will be considered for the right candidate. Applicants must submit a professional resume.

To apply, visit www.cwds.state.pa.us.

...

A law firm in Hermitage is currently seeking an experienced paralegal. Qualified candidates must have 3-5 years of experience. Experience in domestic relations is a huge plus. Only candidates with required experience will be considered. Qualified applicants should visit www.cwds.state.pa.us to apply.

...

A full-time medical assistant is needed to help support the day to day operations at an Endocrinology Dept. in Hermitage and Greenville. This position will be working Monday thru Friday, various shifts between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. The medical assistant is responsible for assisting physicians with various aspects of patient care (including clerical, environmental, and organizational tasks) ensuring patient satisfaction.

Responsibilities include: preparing/cleaning patient rooms, setting up instruments and equipment; checking schedules and organizing patient flow;

accompanying patients to exam/procedure room; collecting patient information/history, taking vitals; may perform phlebotomy and EKG's as well as assist physicians with procedures; and fulfill clerical responsibilities which may include, but not limited to, obtaining lab/x-ray reports, completing forms, scheduling appointments, preparing and managing charts.

Basic qualifications include: high school diploma or GED required; completion of a medical assistant program or equivalent hospital program or minimum of one year of direct patient care experience; and basic computer skills and knowledge of medical terminology, examination, diagnostic and treatment room responsibilities required.

Licensure/certification requirements include: CPR certification required.

Qualified applicants may apply now at www.cwds.state.pa.us. Reference job ID number 1047887.

...

For more information or for resume preparation assistance, contact Mark Conrad, Coordinator of Career Services, at extensions 1373.

Apply for Phi Kappa Phi scholarships, awards

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines. Clarion University has a Phi Kappa Phi chapter.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi's ongoing commitment to excellence is reflected in its scholarships and awards programs. More than \$800,000 is awarded each year to outstanding Phi Kappa Phi members and chapters through the Society's various awards competitions outlined below:

Fellowships – Each year Phi Kappa Phi awards sixty Fellowships of \$5,000 each and forty Awards of Excellence of \$2,000 each to members entering their first year of graduate or professional study. Each chapter may select one candidate from among its local applicants to compete for Society-wide awards.

Study Abroad Grants – Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants are designed to

help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Fifty \$1,000 grants are awarded each year.

Emerging Scholar Awards – Emerging Scholar Awards recognize outstanding rising sophomores studying at Phi Kappa Phi member institutions. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi grants sixty awards in the amount of \$250 to qualifying students.

Love of Learning Awards – Love of Learning Awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members to include, but not be limited to, graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, travel related to teaching/studies. Recipients of the Fellowship are not eligible to apply. Fifty awards, up to \$500 each, are awarded.

Literacy Grants – The Literacy Grants

program was initiated in 2003 to mobilize members and resources of Phi Kappa Phi and the higher education community to champion literacy initiatives. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to Phi Kappa Phi chapters and individual members to fund ongoing literacy projects or create new initiatives.

Phi Kappa Phi Scholar & Artist Awards – The Phi Kappa Phi Scholar and Artist Award honor those individuals who demonstrate the ideals of the Society through their activities, achievements, and scholarship. Each recipient receives a \$5,000 honorarium, a one-year active membership, a recognition certificate, and the opportunity to present their work at the Society's triennial convention.

To access additional information about each award and to view current and past recipients, please visit PhiKappaPhi.org and click the Scholarships and Awards tab.

State

N.W. Pa. amusement park to reopen after 2 years

CONNEAUT LAKE, Pa. (AP) — A debt-ridden amusement park in northwestern Pennsylvania will reopen on Memorial Day weekend after being dormant for the last two summers.

The 117-year-old Conneaut (KAW'-nee-awt) Lake Park has been closed

because of its heavy debt load, but the public trustees who run it say they have a lease with a vendor who will operate 90 percent of the park's rides.

The park's main attraction, the Blue Streak roller coaster, will not open until at least next year, however.

The coaster has now gone without off-season maintenance for three years. Park officials say they need to determine how much it will cost to ensure the coaster is safe before deciding when it will reopen.

The park's total debt stands at about \$2.4 million.

National

CIA documents shine light on secretive Air America

DALLAS (AP) — Former naval aviator Don Boecker isn't too proud to say he was scared out of his wits on that July 1965 day in Laos when he dangled by one arm from a helicopter while enemy soldiers took aim below.

Boecker had spent the longest night of his life in the thick jungle, evading capture and certain execution while awaiting rescue. The Navy aviator had ejected after a bomb he intended to drop on the Ho Chi Minh trail exploded prematurely.

His rescuers that day, however, weren't from the American military, who couldn't be caught conducting a secret bombing campaign in Laos.

They were American employees of Air America, an ostensibly private airline essentially owned and operated by the CIA.

Boecker, now a 71-year-old retired rear admiral, plans to tell the story on Saturday at a symposium intended to give a fuller account of an important outfit that alumni say is still misunderstood by the American public.

The University of Texas at Dallas event coincides with the CIA's release of about 10,000 previously classified Air America records, which will become part of the school library's extensive aviation collection. The CIA declassified the documents following a Freedom of Information Act request by UT-Dallas.

"These Air America documents

are essential to understanding a large untold history of America's involvement in Southeast Asia," said Paul Oelkrug, a coordinator at UT-Dallas' special collections department. He said they speak to "the covert side of the Cold War."

The records consist mainly of firsthand accounts of Air America missions and commendation letters from government officials, said Timothy N. Castle, a historian at the CIA's Center for the Study of Intelligence.

Included are accounts of the chaotic evacuation after the fall of Saigon in 1975, the investigation into a mysterious 1964 plane crash apparently caused by sabotage, and a letter from President Richard Nixon commending employees for their bravery in Laos.

More documents detail the rescue of the wounded from a mountainous Air Force radar station in Laos known as Lima Site 85, where a North Vietnamese raid in 1968 killed 11 Americans. It was the largest single loss of Air Force personnel on the ground during the Vietnam War, Castle said. The survivors were rescued by Air America.

Such operations were the norm for Air America pilots, and the inspiration for the title of the symposium: "Air America: Upholding the Airmen's Bond." Between 1964-65, Air America personnel rescued 21 downed American pilots. Detailed records weren't kept after that, but "we know there

were scores and scores more (rescues) through the years," Castle said.

"That's the airman's bond. There is another airman who is down. Everything stops until you try to rescue them, because if it were you, you knew they would do it for you, too."

Air America's public face was that of a passenger and cargo airline that operated in sometimes dangerous places. It formed after World War II under the name Civil Air Transport, and did contract work for the Chinese Nationalists.

Control of Air America eventually shifted to the CIA, which set up shell companies to disguise its true ownership. Planes kept flying scheduled passenger flights out of Taiwan, but they also began flying covert missions in Laos and South Vietnam to supply anti-communist forces. Air America also had numerous government contracts, and was involved in humanitarian work through a deal with the State Department.

One of Air America's finest — and most iconic — moments was evacuating American and Vietnamese civilians after Saigon fell in 1975. A famous photograph shows an Air America helicopter atop an apartment building as a long line of people wait to board it.

Brian K. Johnson, a former Air America

World

Italy earthquake reconstruction will cost billions

ROME (AP) — The region in central Italy ravaged by an earthquake more than a week ago will need at least €12 billion (about \$16 billion) for rebuilding, the country's interior minister said.

As some children started going back to school, experts were assessing the damage at buildings that were still standing. Prosecutors were investigating alleged shoddy construction in the area.

Interior Minister Roberto Maroni said the government would consult with local administrators, including opposition officials, while it seeks resources to rebuild the Abruzzo region. Maroni provided the estimate late Tuesday on state television.

The 6.3-magnitude quake that struck on April 6 killed 294 people. It leveled or damaged tens of thousands of homes and other buildings.

Of the 1,467 buildings checked as of Monday, 53 percent were deemed habitable, while the rest had various degrees of damage that made them at least temporarily uninhabitable, the Civil Protection Department said.

Local officials said the figure estimated by Maroni was credible. The cost of reconstruction after the last major quake in Italy, in 1997, was €8 billion for the hardest-hit Umbria region, though so far only €5.3 billion has been spent, local officials said. Another €4 billion was needed in the nearby Marche region, also damaged by the quake.

The Abruzzo earthquake displaced 55,000 people — including 33,000 who are living in the tent camps set up across the region.

Officials say they aim to have people out of the tent cities by winter, which is frigid in the mountainous Abruzzo region. Not all of the 55,000 are homeless — many left their homes out of fear amid continuing aftershocks, which are still being felt by the population.

"Many families will be able to go back once they have been reassured," said Agostino Miozzo of the Civil Protection Department.

"By the end of October, we have to do everything possible so that people who today live in tent camps are given a different solution," Miozzo said. Possible solutions include putting up families in buildings that were empty before the quake or building prefab homes, he said.

Meanwhile, some children in the quake zone began returning to school on Wednesday, some attending classes in the tent camps where they now live.

"Welcome back everybody!" read a sign at the makeshift classroom in a tent camp in L'Aquila. Children of mixed age were given pens and sheets of papers to draw and do math.

Other students were sent to attend class in a nearby region not touched by the quake.

In the coming days, Premier Silvio

Berlusconi's conservative government is expected to approve specially tailored recovery measures, which reports say could include new taxes to help the rebuilding effort.

So far, it has approved subsidies for families and business owners, and blocked payments on mortgages and loans until the end of the year.

Berlusconi, who has visited the quake-hit area, is expected to lead a symbolic Cabinet meeting in L'Aquila next week — a way to signal the government's continuing commitment. The premier held a Cabinet meeting in Naples at the height of the garbage collection crisis last year.

Meanwhile, prosecutors in L'Aquila have opened an investigation into allegedly shoddy construction practices in the area, a factor blamed for many of the deaths in the tremor. Experts were looking at the materials and projects used in the collapsed buildings.

"Buildings that were supposed to be cement, modern, anti-seismic ones and so on, have collapsed miserably," chief L'Aquila prosecutor Alfredo Rossini said. He blamed those responsible for "causing innocent deaths."

The prosecutors vowed to remain vigilant during the reconstruction to ensure new homes are up to code and prevent infiltration by organized crime in building projects.

NATIONAL: Air America crews rescued personnel

Continued from page 4

helicopter pilot and past president of the Air America Association, said flight crews would race to be the first to pick up downed military personnel. These untold stories of the Vietnam War, he said, could help change Air America's image.

Johnson laments that the perception of Air America is more about heroin than

heroism, due largely to the 1990 movie "Air America," starring Mel Gibson and Robert Downey Jr. The film depicts the company as corrupt and its pilots as drug runners. It remains a sensitive topic among former employees.

"We have done everything we can to change that perception, and I think we are getting there," Johnson said. The liberal Air America talk radio network brought new

confusion, he added.

UT-Dallas was chosen by the Air America alumni group as the site of a Vietnam Wall-style plaque listing the names of the roughly 240 fallen employees.

"Most people don't even know it occurred. It was a secret society," said Boecker. "They flew in all sorts of danger ... flying every day in terrible wartime conditions. They did a beautiful job."

Construction updates continue for suites, pond

Construction continues at Clarion University-Venango Campus.

At the residence suites, framing, blocking and sprinkler installation are complete for both buildings with window installation and roof complete on building four. Contractors are finishing the roofing and moving on to soffit and fascia, landings, steps, doors and concrete work on

the outside and drywall on the inside. The contractor is on track for its scheduled opening in August.

At the Venango Pond, the pond and associated dam are working as designed, with finishing touches awaited in the near future.

At the Rhoades Locker Room, the last shipment of glazed block has arrived,

allowing final installation and project completion. The gym is available for events.

More information about construction can be found in the minutes of the regular meetings of the Facilities Planning Committee and Parking Committee at: Facilities Planning <http://www.clarion.edu/50397/?draft-preview=true>, and Parking <http://www.clarion.edu/57809/>.

KRONMILLER: He teaches children value of education

Continued from page 2

he resembles Santa Claus - is not about to sit around and wait for the inevitable. Jim values his family and thinks foremost of them. He finds himself battling with his children, just as most parents do, about the importance of school and getting an education. Jim has decided (what better time than the present) to be the example for his sons, now ages 13, 16, and 20.

"I want my children to understand the value and importance of education. It will open up many doors of opportunity for them," Jim says firmly.

He had always wanted to go to college, but the timing just never seemed to be right. He decided to enroll at the local university and pursue getting a degree. Focused on a liberal arts degree, and maintaining a 3.4 grade point average, he is discovering the benefits of going to school. First, he is teaching his sons the valuable lesson that "you are never too old to learn" and, if he can do it, so can they. Secondly, he has also had several strokes that have compounded his health issues. Each time these mini strokes occur, they leave small lesions on his brain, making comprehension and the ability to focus extremely difficult and challenging. He feels that he is aiding his memory and health by continually reading and learning.

"I feel that I am able to focus better and to stay on task when I am continually pushing myself to learn," Jim declares confidently. "I see the results in simple, everyday tasks in my life. Now when I go to the kitchen I remember what I went

there for, in the first place."

Besides his children, Jim wants to help his wife. Wanting to leave her with a business that will continue to support her, he decided that they can be successful in a field that they both are passionate about - photography. Jim is not only teaching his wife the ins and outs of running a business, but the skill of photography. It is something that they do to spend time together and that they both enjoy. Just over a year ago, they opened up their very own photography studio, joining many local artists in the Oil City Arts Revitalization.

Jim shyly admitted, "I know I will not live forever, so I am preparing Jessica to be able to support herself when I am gone."

They can capture the beauty of the world, memories for themselves and for others, one photograph at a time.

Seeing Jim around campus and town, students and people passing by wonder what this man is all about, carrying an oxygen tank with him at all times on one shoulder and a backpack full of books on the other. At first they may have feelings of sympathy and even questions that no one dares to ask, but it is only minutes before they no longer see the surface of this gentleman, until they discover his huge heart of gold.

The one thing that takes your breath away is his sharing of a volunteer project that he is most passionate about. He belongs to "Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep," which is an international group of volunteer professional photographers who provide infant remembrance, heirloom photography for grieving parents.

The philosophy of this organization

is that "there is no foot too small that it cannot leave an imprint on this world." The photographers involved in this organization donate their time and talent to families who are experiencing the greatest joy in life - birth - and the devastation of loss - death - often times only having hours or a few days to connect with their babies. Jim, along with many photographers belonging to this organization, captures powerful images of love and devotion during this small frame of time.

Here he is, faced with a terminal illness, facing death himself, yet he steps completely around that threat, goes to college, opens a photography studio, volunteers his time as part of an international group of photographers, and gives of himself so freely. Although, at times he looks a little tired, he still has that infectious smile and personality. How does he do it?

"I don't want to just get by" he says, "I want to beat the odds."

There must be someone that he looks up to or who encourages him. With a soft voice, he responds that there is one person who he regards with utmost respect, his friend Dr. John Karian, who is a world-class nature photographer as well as a neurosurgeon.

"John has mentored me and supported me in not only my professional work but my scholastic endeavors and personal life. He even came to the hospital during my last admission and urged me to fight and not let go."

According to Joann Wheeler, who

See KRONMILLER on page 8



The final two buildings of the Clarion University-Venango Campus Student Apartment Complex are projected to be completed in August. The new three-story Leadership Hall and the new two-story Bradford George Carmack Barnes Hall are the most recent additions to join Michael F. and Joyce I. Hughes Hall, Edward V. and Jesse L. Peters Hall, and Elizabeth S. Black Hall.

Phi Theta Kappa is collecting books, donations

Phi Theta Kappa is collecting textbooks to send to Better World Books. The money received by BWB is sent to the Room to Read Program, which helps bring books to underprivileged countries. Please consider donating your unwanted textbooks at the end of the term.

Donation boxes are available in Rhoades Center and in the 2nd floor lobby of Montgomery Hall from April 20 through May 1.

...

Each year Phi Theta Kappa collects books and food items to donate to a local group. This year, we have chosen St. Benedicts in Oil City and the Venango County Humane Society.

We will be collecting children's books for St. Benedicts and pet supplies for the Humane Society (a list of requested pet items will be on the donation bins). Bins will be placed in Rhoades, Frame, and Montgomery from April 20 through graduation.

Please bring an item or two to donate to these organizations.

...

A recipient of a gift card from the Phi Theta Kappa Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon was omitted from the last issue of the *Voice*. Patty Shontz received a Country Fair gift card, which was donated by SPSEA.

Phi Theta Kappa members thank all of the clubs, again, who donated gift cards.

...

Words of Wisdom

'It isn't what you have, or who you are, or where you are, or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy.

It is what you think about.'

-Dale Carnegie



EVENTS: Self defense classes are held Tue, Thurs

Continued from page 1

Rhoades Center during the spring 2009 semester.

Self Defense Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 2-3 p.m., at Rhoades Gymnasium. The classes are taught by Venango Campus professor Paul Klenowski.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

Body Sculpting classes will be held every Tuesday at 11 a.m., in the Rhoades fitness center.

Classes will be taught by Jane Horos of the YWCA.

The one-hour cardio class will concentrate on strength training, but will also incorporate traditional step aerobics as well as an interval training boot camp class.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

Yoga classes instructed by Libby Jenkins will be held every Thursday, at 11 a.m. Yoga

classes will be held in the Rhoades fitness center.

For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at extension 1271.

Get active with Dr. Lott every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Various activities will take place throughout the semester, including biking, hiking, cross country skiing, cardio and strength training, and more.

For more information, contact Dr. Lott at dlott@clarion.edu.

KRONMILLER: Jim frequently helps other students

Continued from page 6

heads the local Arts Revitalization, Jim is making a difference in the community and to those who he encounters on a daily basis.

"It seems no matter where I go in the community, Jim is there, helping and volunteering his time."

LaTrobe Barnitz, Coordinator of Admissions at Clarion University-Venango Campus, commented that "students look up to Jim and feel comfortable asking him for help. He is frequently seen helping other students."

Maybe this is perhaps his secret to fully living: giving and volunteering, expecting nothing in return.

How can Jim not focus on dying? He

has surpassed his life expectancy already. How can he not be focused on the fact that he is living on borrowed time?

Put simply and honestly from Jim: he is too busy just living, not only physically but through the lens of his camera.

He is taking in the beauty of this world, capturing it on film and sharing it with all who care to view the world through the eyes of a photographer.



Email the *Venango Voice* at vvoice@clarion.edu!

Keeping Us Legal

The Venango Voice is published periodically by the students of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Venango Campus, 1801 W. First Street, Oil City, PA, 16301. Articles in the Venango Voice reflect the beliefs and/or the research of individual authors. They are not necessarily the philosophy or views of the students, faculty, or staff of Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Clarion University is committed to equal opportunity and affirmative action for all people involved in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Direct equal opportunity inquiries to Assistant to the President for Social Equity, 207 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA, 16214-1232, 814-393-2109.



VENANGO CAMPUS

CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



3 9363 00683 8590

SEP 12 2009

FOR USE IN LIBRARY ONLY

Suhr Library
Venango Campus
Clarion University
of Pennsylvania
1801 West First Street
Oil City, PA 16301

